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Benefit payment axed for tenants

BY JOHN GOODE

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TENANTS have been left worried about eviction after receiving letters telling them their rents will no longer be covered by benefit payments.

More than 20 tenants of private landlords in Haverhill were shocked to learn their benefit payments for two rooms had been cut by St Edmundsbury Borough Council, which has said it will now only pay for one room.

They could face eviction for being more than seven days in arrears with their rent. But the council has said it hopes landlords will wait for the outcome of appeals next month before deciding whether



Concern: Robin Pilley.

to take action.

Most of the rooms, in shared houses, have been rented through Haverhill agents CXG.

Robin Pilley, who runs CXG with his brother Daniel, said: "This is an absolute nightmare. People are worried about being out on the streets in the coldest winter for 30 years."

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Scared: Mark McCreaner, from Haverhill, fears he will lose his home following a change to housing benefits.

Picture: Keith Jones 620782

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Advice charity's plea for volunteer support

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EXTRA help is needed at a charity which provides much-needed support for people struggling with unemployment, debts and a range of other problems.

More unpaid volunteers would help Haverhill Citizens' Advice Bureau cope with an increasing caseload.

The appeal is backed by the CAB's new deputy manager Stephanie Bruce.

Miss Bruce, who is deputy to manager Brigitte Haig, said: "We have some very good volunteers, but we need more.

"We like our volunteers to train to become advisers. But we could also use people who can spare a couple of hours to help with filing or help in the office."

Miss Bruce, 38, previously worked in industry as a chemist before moving into purchasing and the CAB job, a paid post, for a change in direction.

She said: "I feel I'm putting something back into the community."

In addition to dealing with callers who come in with their problems, the CAB also works on helping to shape social policy with the government.

There are drop-in sessions for which no appointment is needed at the CAB's offices in the Centre for Voluntary Agencies in Lower Downs Slade on four days a week. The CAB also offers a telephone advice service.

Anyone needing more detailed help is invited to make an appointment with a specialist adviser.

Potential volunteers and anyone needing advice can contact the bureau on (01440) 763946.



Here to help: new deputy manager at Haverhill CAB, Stephanie Bruce.

Picture: Keith Jones 620969

Great response to appeal for life-savers

A LIFE-saving first responder scheme has been boosted with an influx of volunteers thanks to an article in the Haverhill Weekly News.

The scheme in Haverhill was struggling for active members and most of the calls for help were being dealt with by co-ordinator Margaret Marks.

Now eight people have applied to join.

Mrs Marks said: "Thank you so much for the wonderful article. This is an outstanding result.

The Magpas Community First Responder Scheme has been running in

Haverhill since 2002 and has helped save the lives of people who have suffered strokes, heart attacks and other life-threatening medical emergencies.

There are 12 trained members, but during the Christmas period, Mrs Marks was largely working alone because colleagues were not available to be on call.

Volunteers, who do not need to have a medical background, are trained to use a defibrillator to jump start a heart which has stopped beating as well as other equipment to help people keep

breathing.

They are called in to give immediate help before the arrival of ambulance personnel.

The team has responded to around 4,000 emergencies in the past eight years.

Volunteers need to be between the ages of 21 and 70 and reasonably fit. Full training is given.

Anyone interested in becoming a first responder, or wanting more information, should call Mrs Marks on (01440) 713443 or email margaret.marks@talktalk.net or

Survey to check access to health facilities

DOCTORS' surgeries, opticians' pharmacies and dentist's will be checked for disabled access in a new survey.

The project will involve 500 health-care premises across Suffolk, including those in the Haverhill and Newmarket areas.

It is being financed by a £88,000 investment from NHS Suffolk in the first year.

The DisabledGo project is being run by the Suffolk Mental Health Partnership Trust together with West Suffolk Hospital, Suffolk Community Healthcare and Ipswich Hospital Trust.

An online guide is being produced for publication this spring.

Carole Taylor-Brown, chief executive of NHS Suffolk, said: "The NHS should be accessible to all – and this initiative is vital to making that a reality."

"Not knowing if your doctors' surgery or local optician is easy to get to or whether the doors are wide enough, even, is an extra barrier for people with disabilities to overcome."

"Knowing these simple details makes all the difference in how you access healthcare."

Compulsive viewing

Snowball cracks car windscreen

POLICE have been dealing with anti-social behaviour connected with snowballing following the recent weather conditions. A black Nissan Navara suffered a cracked windscreen after a snowball was dropped from the Wrating Road footbridge in Haverhill by a gang of yobs. Further incidents of anti-social behaviour have sparked police to urge the public to snowball in a "considerate manner".

The incident happened on Friday at around 8.10pm.

Anyone with information about the incident can call PC Matthew Hammill at Haverhill police station on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Cement mixer is thrown at Merc

VANDALS caused £250 damage to a car by throwing a cement mixer at it.

The blue Mercedes A-class car was parked in Crowland Road, Haverhill, between 10pm on Tuesday, January 5 and 6.15am the following day. The bonnet was damaged in the incident.

Anyone with information should call Sgt Sarah Bartley at the Haverhill Safer Neighbourhood Team on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

More Marie Curie collectors needed

VOLUNTEER fundraisers are needed to help with the Marie Curie Daffodil appeal.

The month-long appeal will be held nationally in March and more volunteers are needed in the Haverhill area.

On average, a Marie Curie collector raises £60 in just two hours – enough to fund three hours of nursing care for a patient at home.

Collections will be made at the town's Sainsbury's store and in the town centre on March 5 and 6. Anyone interested in taking part in the collection should call (01284) 747385 or email amanda.woodgate@mariecurie.org.uk

Police warning over 'Customs' email

A WARNING has been issued by police about a scam email which asks for people's bank details.

The email purports to be from HM Revenue and Customs and suggests that the recipient is eligible for a tax rebate.

Suffolk police said they contacted HMRC and were told that the email had not been sent by them.

The police have advised people to delete the email and not enter any personal details. They suggest that anyone wanting to check the authenticity of the email should contact HMRC by phone or other means.

Carol service made £200 for charity

THE civic carol service in Haverhill raised £200 for charities supported by the mayor, Cllr Elaine McManus.

The next event in aid of the charities – Haverhill Volunteer Centre and Head Start 4 Babies – will be the Mayor's Charity Dance on Saturday, February 6, at the town's arts centre. Tickets are £12.50 each and are available at the centre on (01440) 712858.

Mother's fury over rats in garden shed

BY RAYMOND BROWN

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A SINGLE mum-of-three on benefits is furious after a housing association refused to deal with a rat infestation.

Lisa O'Grady, 34, of Vange Close, Haverhill, has been plagued by the disease-carrying vermin, which have set up home in her shed – but are spreading to neighbouring properties.

She said that officials at Havebury Housing, which owns the property, told her to go to St Edmundsbury District Council when she reported the problem.

But the council said it has no legal responsibility to kill the rats – which is down to the owners of the land.

Ms O'Grady, who has three children, aged 13, 6 and 3, says she cannot afford to pay for exterminators and fears the infestation could harm her youngsters.

She said: "The neighbours contacted me and told me that the rats are coming from my shed. I told the housing association about it and they just put me onto the council who said it wasn't their responsibility. So whose is it?

"I asked for a quote from Rentokill and it would be £120. I just can't afford that. I am worried the children might catch something."

"Nobody seems to want to deal with it. The neighbours



Got the rats: single mum of three Lisa O'Grady, who has a rodent-infested shed in her garden.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 620971.

have put down traps and poison, but they didn't work.

"Surely, someone must want to clear them before a child is hurt or catches something awful. I am sure there are a lot of families on benefits who can't afford that sort of money."

"So are we going to allow the rats just to breed and carry diseases? It's a total disgrace."

But the housing association has washed its hands of the rat problem.

A spokeswoman said: "It is the responsibility of the tenant to deal with any rat infestation.

"We have spoken to Ms O'Grady and given her advice. The tenant has been responsible for anything like this since 2006."

Council rules change could leave tenants out in the cold

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He said the benefit payments for two rooms had been made, in many cases, for a year.

Considering how the council has impressed on us the vulnerability of the tenants and the need to adopt an 'inclusive' attitude in dealing with them, this decision seems arbitrary and cynical in the extreme," said Mr Pilley.

He said he understood that 40 councils across the country paid benefits for two rooms and he could not understand why St Edmundsbury housing officers had decided to cut the payments.

Mark McClean, one of the affected tenants who lives at The Pightle, Haverhill, said: "I got a letter on January 7 telling me my benefit had stopped on December 21. I was devastated. I was just getting my life back on track. Now I can't sleep and I've had to go to the doctor's."

Mr McClean, 45, who

suffers from depression and leg problems, said he needed a second room so his grandchildren could come to stay.

Colin Marsland, 44, of Shire Court, Haverhill, said: "I was homeless last year and was sleeping rough in a car. I need the second room so my 12-year-old son can come and stay with me."

An emergency meeting was held in Haverhill on Monday, organised by local councillor Anne Gower, to bring council officials together with tenants and the letting agents.

A council spokeswoman said: "While we cannot discuss individual cases, we must point out that we have a duty to protect the public purse by ensuring housing benefits regulations are applied correctly."

"There is an appeals process available to every tenant affected and we have advised them to make use of this process. If a

mistake has been made, or the information we have received is incorrect, it will become apparent.

"If appropriate, our decision will be amended when we receive any new information and we assume that landlords would not evict tenants while this appeal process is going on."

A council spokesman said officials were "following up" some actions requested by CXG after the meeting on Monday.

The spokesman said: "The council paid the benefits initially in good faith. Since then, following a variety of information received over some months, we have revised our decision. Someone in work would need to be earning in excess of £310 a week to independently afford two rooms with no support from housing benefit, so paying a benefits claimant for two rooms at a high rent is a disincentive to seek employment."

Increase in calls to chimney blazes

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a spate of chimney fires.

The first call was to a home in Chatteris Road, Mepal, where one fire crew from Sutton and a turntable ladder from Cambridge attended at 7.07pm on Wednesday of last week.

At 9.09pm on the same day, crews from Haverhill and Linton attended a chimney fire in Haverhill Road, Horseheath. An open fire had set light to wood incorporated into the fire place.

The same night at 9.28pm, a crew from Ely went to a similar incident at Hundred Foot Bank at Oxlode. Firefighters found the attic was smoke logged.

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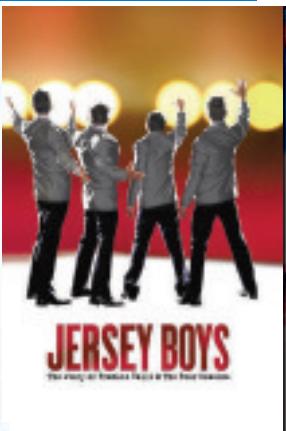
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Swinging panto to be staged at arts centre

A HUNCHBACKED Frenchman will be swinging into Haverhill. The bells will be ringing at Haverhill Arts Centre over the next couple of weeks with Centre Stage Company's pantomime *The Hunchback Of Notre Dame*. Haverhill Town Council arts and leisure manager Nick Keeble dons wig and make-up again as the Dame. Last year's star turn double act of Denise Claydon and Becca Neal return, this time as two part-time gargoyles. Dan Symonds plays Quasimodo, the ugly hunchback kept in the cathedral bell tower by the evil Frollo played by Andy Letcher, who saves the heroine Esmerelda, played by Lorraine Mason, from

execution. Panto director David Hart said: "This is based on a really dramatic story, but it is a pantomime version with lots of comedy, song and dance thrown in. All the usual characters are there and there is plenty of audience participation as well." The show runs from Friday to Sunday, January 22-24, and Thursday to Saturday, January 28-30, with performances at 2pm and 6pm the first Saturday and Sunday, and 2.30pm and 7.30pm the final Saturday. Other shows are at 7.30pm, and, although a couple of shows are sold out there are tickets available for the others at the arts centre box office on (01440) 714140.



The bells will be ringing at Haverhill Arts Centre: Quasimodo (Dan Symonds) is bullied by the evil Frollo (Andy Letcher). CP

Gritting reduced as supplies run low

ICY ROADS were left untreated when councils cut back their gritting operations as salt supplies ran low.

County councils in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire limited their road treatment operations as the cold weather persisted at the weekend.

They continued to treat only the busiest A and B roads as temperatures rose earlier this week resulting in a thaw in most places.

A national shortage of salt led to a Government-imposed rationing of supplies and orders to councils to cut back use by 25 per cent.

Earlier this week, Cambridgeshire County Council said it only had supplies for "four or five days" of

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gritting if the cold weather returned.

Suffolk County Council was treating priority routes in the late afternoon and again the following morning.

A council spokeswoman said that freezing temperatures at night and the forecast of further snow meant that gritting operations would continue.

Further light snow had been expected later in the week, but rain forecast for tomorrow was likely to result in a rapid thaw, although freezing temperatures could return at the weekend.

During the worst of the weather at the end of last week, police reported numerous crashes but none resulted in

serious injury.

Police also warned snowball throwers that they could face prosecution for anti-social behaviour.

In one incident in Haverhill a vehicle's windscreen was cracked when a snowball was dropped from a footbridge as it passed underneath.

A Suffolk police spokesman said: "Whilst we do not wish to spoil anyone's fun during the wintry weather, we would advise anyone throwing snowballs to be mindful of other people and their property. We want everyone to stay safe and to enjoy the snow, but please refrain from throwing snowballs at buildings, vehicles and people as they can cause injury and damage."

■ Snowy scenes in Haverhill and Clare – Pages 8 & 9.

Youngsters are risking lives

YOUNGSTERS are risking their lives and ripping up warning signs to play on a frozen pond in Haverhill.

Newt Pond in Castle Playing Fields has attracted the children who are defying safety warnings and walking on the ice.

The managers of the pond have reported children destroying the signs – five were put up and torn down last week.

St Edmundsbury Council chiefs have urged people to stay clear of the pond which is a public amenity.

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Talk on fate of criminals

THE transportation of criminals from Suffolk to Australia in the 19th century will be the subject of Haverhill and District Local History Group's first talk of this year.

Pip Wright, a Suffolk historian from Stowmarket, will be giving the talk at the town hall arts centre on Wednesday, January 27, at 7.30pm.

Many people from the Haverhill area were sent to Australia at the time.

Charity ball

A CHARITY ball in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance will be held on Saturday, April 17, at Chilford Hall, Linton. The £45-a-head event is being organised by Haverhill-based Fundraising Occasions. For more information and tickets call (01440) 714219 or 07967 001520.

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Hospice sends a big thank you

Sir, On behalf of St Nicholas Hospice Care, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community of West Suffolk for their wonderful support over the past year as we celebrated our 25th birthday.

It has been a very difficult year, with the recession meaning we have had to reassess how best to provide our vital services. But with the help of local people and businesses alike, we have been able to continue making a real difference to the lives of so many people coping with a life-limiting, terminal illness and offer support to their families not only in the hospice itself but increasingly in people's homes.

There have been several highlights, such as the Silver Jubilee Race Night at the Rowley Mile in Newmarket, the dinner in the Nave at St Edmundsbury Cathedral and our Songs of Praise and Light Up A Life celebration in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds.

But the most memorable for me has to be the Girls Night Out – a moonlight walk in September – which saw more than 350 pyjama-clad ladies take on an 11-mile route, raising over £60,000 in the process.

Businesses large and small have done whatever they can to continue their support during these difficult economic times, including signing up to our 25 Club, sponsoring events and taking part in a Jail and Bail event in Haverhill. We are very grateful to them all.

This coming year shows no signs of being any easier for us. We still have to raise £10,000 every day from voluntary donations to keep all of our services running so we really do need the whole community to continue supporting us. If you haven't before, maybe this year will be the year that you'll get involved and organise a fundraising event on our behalf? With ongoing support we can confidently plan for the next 25 years, offering dedicated care and comfort whenever it is needed. Thank you.

Michelle Gray,
senior fundraising manager
St Nicholas Hospice Care
Bury St Edmunds

What service from local shop

Sir, I like to "buy local" when I can.

During the afternoon of Monday, January 4, we called into Pipes in town in search of a new fridge to replace an old one that was well past its best. We were shown several models that would suit our needs but had to return home to take proper measurements. I phoned the shop about 15 mins later and they took the order and credit card payment over the phone.

MEMORIES



■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a group of children from Haverhill. Do you recognise anyone in the picture?

Do you know where and when it was taken or what the occasion was?
Send your answers to: Memories, Haverhill Weekly News, 4 Queen

Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

Picture: 616114

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed children having fun in the snow at Chalkstone School, Haverhill, in January, 1987.

Picture: 526296.



When it came to delivery, David Pipe offered to deliver it and take away our old one on his way home. In less than an hour our new one was up and running and the old one plus packaging all taken away.

What a great service Pipes give to the community – we have never been disappointed but on this occasion they surpassed themselves! Praise also to the lady who delivers the Weekly News to our

home – she came in all the thick snow – what a trooper! I told her so, but I think she deserves a mention here.

Elaine Parmenter,
Gannet Close
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Cast your vote for speedy broadband

BY HANNAH STEWART

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SUFFOLK residents have been asked to vote in an online poll calling for faster broadband.

The community is being urged to vote by Suffolk County Council in the hope that a broadband grant can be secured for the county.

It will help speed up online access and guarantee that people are not at a disadvantage in comparison to neighbouring counties.

Many parts of the county struggle to reach the government recommended broadband speed of 2mb due to the poor online infrastructure.

However, the chance for Suffolk to receive funding from the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) means that Suffolk could be granted a faster broadband service.

The EEDA has set up a new website for

businesses and the general public to vote and register their needs.

Clr Bruce Provan, Suffolk's portfolio holder for economic development and skills, said: "My key priorities include giving Suffolk better businesses, social enterprises and skill centres the competitive edge by providing the best economic development and skills services."

He added: "Faster broadband could have a huge impact on county life as pupils, businesses, communities, families and public services will be free of any social or competitive disadvantage online, which should help drive the regional economy forward."

To vote click on www.suffolk.gov.uk and then on Speed up Suffolk to let the EEDA know why it's important for Suffolk's broadband to get faster.

Weddings

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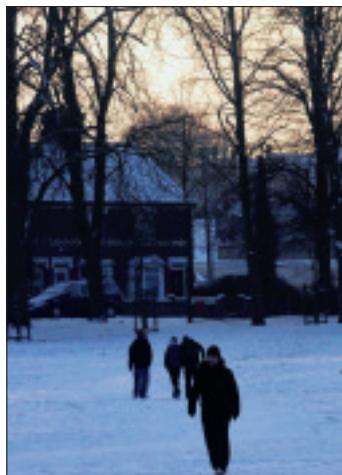
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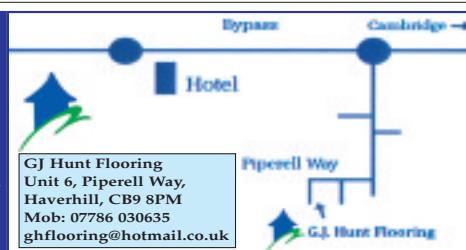
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Hospital still closed by winter virus

A HOSPITAL hit by an outbreak of the winter vomiting virus remains closed to visitors.

West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, which treats patients from the Newmarket and Haverhill areas, closed to visitors last week when the highly-contagious virus affected six wards.

Now five wards remain closed to new admissions and the hospital is maintaining a ban on visitors – apart from those visiting children or patients in intensive care or palliative care.

BY JOHN GOODE

Email: editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

The back entrance to the hospital has been locked and two members of staff are on duty at the front entrance to ask visitors to stay away.

In addition, staff and outpatients coming into the hospital are being asked to wash their hands with soap and water using portable sinks placed in the foyer, both when arriving and leaving the building, as alcohol gel is not effective against the virus.

Nichole Day, executive chief nurse and director

of infection prevention and control at the hospital, said: "We would like to thank visitors for their patience and understanding so far, and would urge them to continue to help us control this outbreak by staying away from the hospital site."

"Anyone who does need to come into the building can help by cleaning their hands thoroughly with soap and water in the sinks we have provided."

Staff as well as patients have shown symptoms of the norovirus, as the vomiting disorder is officially known.

Increase in burst mains

A SHARP increase in the number of burst water mains is expected when the cold snap ends, according to Anglian Water.

The firm said on a typical day it had an average of 13 burst mains, but on December 29 last year, it had 76 – one of the highest numbers recorded in a single day.

It said: "In December 2008 and January 2009, there were massive increases in bursts on previous months.

"We are keeping a very close eye on the weather forecast and when the thaw happens, predicted to be around Saturday, we are expecting a big increase in the number of burst

water mains as the ground moves as it gets warmer."

Anglian Water said water and waste water services were continuing as normal, although it was easing back on flushing operations to reduce the risk of the water freezing and causing problems for motorists and pedestrians.

The firm said: "We are also re-prioritising leaks, repairing those that pose the greatest risk to public safety first, but we still need customers to continue to tell us when they spot a leak."

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Haverhill Weekly News regional round-up

West Wrating

THE next parish council meeting will be held on Monday. All are welcome. At the last meeting the following matters were discussed: **Litter and footpaths:** Litter officer Colin McCall checked the village on November 5 and it was clear of litter.

He also filled three bin liners of rubbish on the footpath going down to Fox Road in Balsham, where the ditches have now been cleared of silted earth and rubbish. There is a fallen tree by a footpath to be cleared by Richard Cobbold, who will also cut back a hedge on the south side of the Grove when there is a frost or a dry period. Scarlett Farm footpath is to be taken over by the owner of Scarlett Farm.

Tree warden scheme: Cllr Heath offered his services to the village as the tree officer, which was gratefully accepted. He told the council there was money available for hedge planting, which might be useful with regard to the Pocket Park.

Red telephone box: BT had asked if the village would like to adopt the red telephone box. This was discussed and the parish clerk was asked to get further details from BT.

Maintenance: The expected grant award from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) for the

village hall has been suspended until March. Money has already been spent on repairs and the parish council was asked if it would contribute towards these costs. The council agreed to £1,000 as the hall is a village asset and the amount was within the budget.

The Causeway trees have been checked and are all doing well, despite fears that some had died. The water bags have been strapped and it is hoped this cost will be refunded to the parish council. Keith Johnson, Wally Potter and Lyn Davidson were thanked for watering the new trees so regularly and diligently.

The village seat has been refurbished.

Finance: A pre-budget discussion was held prior to setting the precept this month. The budget for this year was on schedule, but money budgeted for various maintenance projects had so far not been used because of delays. These would go forward into next year's budget if not used this year. Some tree work on the recreation ground is necessary and will be budgeted for next year.

The signed statement of account has been received from the external auditors, Moore Stephens, and the notice posted on the noticeboards.

Reports on meetings: Cllr McCall had attended the Age Concern meeting

concerning the warden scheme. The scheme is going well and is being used in the village.

Land registration: A letter concerning the boundary between the Village Hall and 81 High Street had been signed and will be sent to Hewitsons, thus concluding the paperwork prior to registration.

Report by District Councillor Barrett: SCDC is having to find solutions to the financial problems, particularly with regard to the housing stock, as 50 per cent of rental income is sent to the Government, leaving little for maintenance of stock. It is also receiving little interest on capital.

There is to be a further wheeled bin for recycling rubbish.

Complaints had been received about overhanging branches/hedging on the Common Road. It is hoped that this will shortly be cut back.

West Wickham

THERE is a change to the advertised programme for the meeting of the Local History Club on Monday.

The planned meeting about All Saints, Jesus Lane, Cambridge, has been postponed until the April meeting.

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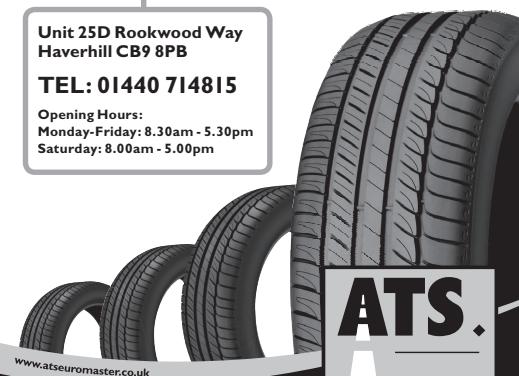


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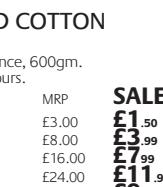
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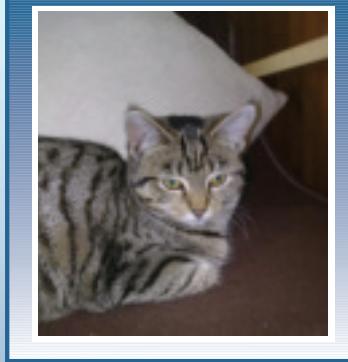
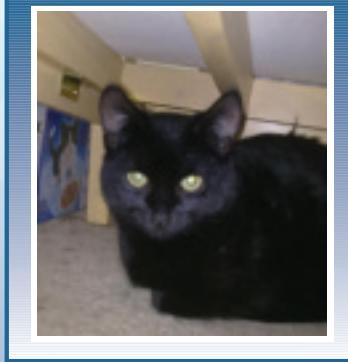


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Shortlist of candidates for 'primary'

BY JOHN GOODE

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A SHORTLIST of six has been selected from 167 potential candidates to represent the Conservatives in the constituency covering Haverhill and Newmarket at the next election.

The party is holding an "Open Primary" to select the candidate to stand in place of Richard Spring, MP for West Suffolk, who has announced he will not be standing for re-election.

Mr Spring has been an MP since 1992, although his original constituency was Bury St Edmunds, which did not include the Haverhill area.

Among those who put their names forward for consideration were Rachel Hood, wife of Newmarket racehorse trainer John Gosden and one of the founders of the Save Historic Newmarket Action Group, which is fighting plans for 1,200 new homes on the edge of the town.

Suffolk county councillor Colin



MP Richard Spring: his decision to stand down has led to a new selection process beginning this month.

Noble stood down as chairman of the constituency party after putting himself forward for selection.

But neither of them was selected by local party chiefs to go forward for the final selection process on Saturday, January 30.

The six candidates are Natalie

Elphicke, Anthony Frieze, Sam Gyimah, Matthew Hancock, Sheila Lawlor and Lucille Nicholson.

Two of the potential candidates, Anthony Frieze and Lucille Nicholson, stood for election in 2005 in other constituencies.

Sam Gyimah has previously reached the "open primary" stage for the Gosport candidacy.

Matthew Hancock is an adviser to shadow chancellor and Conservatives' general election campaign leader George Osborne.

Sheila Lawlor heads a political think tank and Natalie Elphicke is a lawyer involved with providing affordable housing in central London.

The "Open Primary" is being held at Mildenhall's Dome Leisure Centre and is open to anyone on the register of electors in the constituency – regardless of political views.

But pre-registration is required and details of how to register will be given in newspaper advertisements or by visiting www.westsuffolkconservatives.com.

Get on course to upgrade career

MANY people use the start of a new year as a springboard to kick-start their careers – or take a new direction – by widening their education and learning new skills.

The popularity of new year starts has grown in recent years, with Anglia Ruskin University even offering degrees starting in January.

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Looking great: Marina Carew who is now a dress size 10.

Six stones lighter and Marina sets sights on

POSING for the camera, hands on her hips and a huge smile on her face, Marina Carew looks fabulous. With her model-perfect figure, glossy hair and immaculate make-up, at 48 the mum-of-four is looking better than ever.

And she's feeling pretty amazing too.

"I feel incredible," admits Marina, with a laugh. "I'm a size 10! I've never been a size 10. I'm pushing 50 and I'm wearing short skirts for the first time in my life. And I get asked out all the time: the

BY ALICE RYAN

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other day I got asked out on the escalator in John Lewis..."

Turn back the clock to spring 2007 and it's a different story. After splitting with her husband of 16 years, Marina had become a single mum to four children. A dentist, with her own practice, she was working really long hours. And, a self-confessed comfort eater, Marina had piled on the weight: at 5ft 4in, she was more than 16 stone and wore a dress size 22.

Marina, who lives in Cambridge, is still a single mum with her own dental practice. But, since May 2007, she has lost an awe-inspiring six stone – thanks to gastric band surgery, a healthy diet, and her own cast-iron determination.

"Don't think having a gastric band is a quick fix, because it isn't," says Marina. "But it has worked brilliantly for me. It's been life-changing."

Marina's battle with her weight dates back to her teenage years. As a child, growing up in Harlow, she was skinny. But then, in her teens, she started suffering

chest pains: tests revealed a problem with her thyroid, which had affected her heart. Medication to slow her metabolism caused her to gain weight. "It wasn't a lot," she says, "but it was enough to make me self-conscious."

Despite missing quite a lot of school through illness, Marina got a place at college to do her A-levels, then went on to medical school to study dentistry. It was during her studies that Marina met the man who was to become her husband.

"My weight was quite stable then – I was a size 12 to 14," she continues. "We got married in 1987 and a year later I had Bianca, my eldest daughter, who's 21 now. I gained a stone with the pregnancy but I didn't care: I had a happy marriage, a good job and a wonderful baby."

Eight months later, Marina fell pregnant again, with Alexander, now 20. And she gained another stone in weight. "It was hard work, having two so close together," she says. "But I was very happy."

Then, in 1992, Marina decided to open her own dental practice, based in Stansted. Two years later, daughter Tamara came along – bringing another stone with her. And then, in 1997, Marina had her fourth child, Rosie. By that

stage, she had gained more than four stone in total, weighing in at more than 14.5 stone.

Just three weeks after Rosie was born, Marina's life took a dramatic turn. "I had a car accident," she explains. "I turned my Discovery on its side on the M11. I had all the children in the car but they were fine, thank goodness... It wasn't until I'd checked them over that I noticed the end of one of my fingers was hanging off – and the bone was sticking out..."

It soon became clear that Marina's right hand was very badly damaged. In a seven-hour operation, a section of both her index finger and her thumb had to be amputated: as a right-handed dentist, medics said she might never work again.

"In a way I think it was good for me to be told that," says Marina. "I think it spurred me on: I was determined to prove them wrong."

Now, 12 years on, Marina has pretty much full use of her hand. "My writing is better than a lot of other people's," she laughs. Aside from the amputations, the only sign of the accident is some scarring on Marina's forearm, disguised with an impressive collection of silver bangles. "I've still got some of the M11 in there," Marina admits. "But,

though it might sound a bit strange, in some ways the accident was actually a good thing."

In the wake of surgery, Marina was forced to take seven long months off work. "I used the time to do all kinds of courses that I wouldn't have done otherwise – and that changed my life, and my dental practice, for the better."

As well as studying orthodontics, learning how to do less invasive brace work, Marina threw herself into holistic dentistry. As a result, she made her practice completely mercury free (some people have suggested that amalgam can have detrimental health affects).

Although she initially struggled to look after baby Rosie – changing a nappy, for example, was almost impossible – Marina stuck to a strict rehab routine, combining physio and occupational therapy. She credits that regime with helping her return both to work and a normal way of life.

By then, Marina was approaching 40. "I didn't want to be fat and 40; I wanted to be fab and 40," she giggles. "So I went on a diet, got a personal trainer and lost four stone in five months."

Marina kept the weight off for four years. And then,

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after 16 years, her marriage broke down. "We parted company. We split up," says Marina, simply. "And it was very stressful, looking after four children – all of school age – and running the practice. It was emotionally difficult too and I have to admit comfort eating; my real weakness was chocolate and sweets.

"I used to snack on a bar of chocolate while I was cooking dinner at night, then eat my dinner, and snack again afterwards... It was a vicious circle: the more weight I gained, the more I beat myself up, the worse I felt, the more I ate. I just couldn't understand why I couldn't get a grip – I'd done it before, so why couldn't I do it now?"

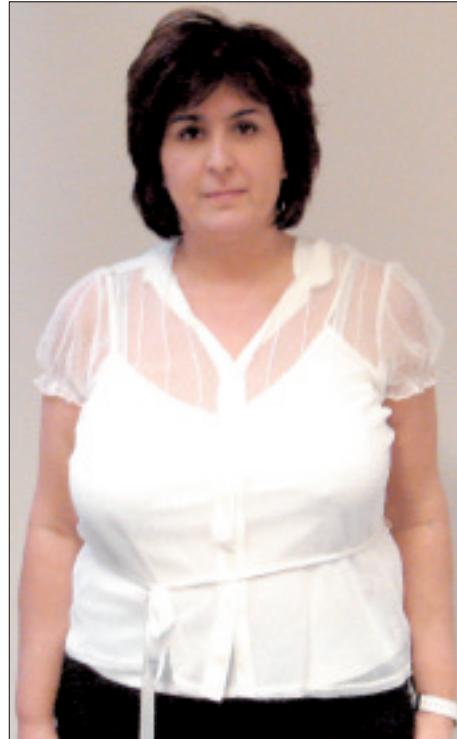
Rising to more than 16 stone, Marina says her size was making her really miserable. Things came to a head one day when, visiting the GP with one of the children, the doctor asked her for a private word – and offered her a course of slimming pills.

"It was very kindly meant: she could see how fed up I was," says Marina. "But when I did some research I decided it wasn't for me. I would have needed a blood pressure check every fortnight and, as a holistic practitioner, I didn't like the idea of the medication."

The suggestion had, however, got Marina thinking. Deciding to relocate from Stansted to Cambridge, because all four of her children were at school in the city, she decided to rent out the family home. Changing her mortgage to a buy-to-let, Marina took out an extra £8,000 – enough for gastric band surgery.

Going for a consultation at Healthier Weight, a national company which specialises in weight-loss surgery, Marina decided to go ahead with the op (which puts a band around the stomach, reducing its capacity). "The children weren't too impressed but my mum was all for it," she says. "She just wanted me to be happy."

Marina went to London for her surgery. "I really wasn't nervous and I was only in for two nights," she says. They advised taking a week off work afterwards, but I went on the Friday



Heavier: Marina before her gastric band was fitted.

and I had a patient booked in on the Monday, so I was back at the practice for that.

"I felt tired, but that was all. And I didn't feel like eating at all – I actually had to make myself eat."

Because of her restricted stomach capacity, Marina says she had to be careful to eat healthily and monitor her portion size: if she ate too much, it made her physically sick.

But the weight immediately started to fall off: Marina was losing two or three pounds every week. Within 18 months, she'd lost more than six stone.

When people began to comment on her new look, Marina says she was always quite open about having had a gastric band fitted. Her only fear was, she says, being left with loose skin. But, thanks to a good diet, plenty of exercise and taking care of herself (body brushing and moisturising religiously), she seemed to spring back into shape.

"I didn't use to value myself at all. I didn't set aside any time for me,"

says Marina. "But nowadays I take the time to look after myself: I do my hair and make-up every day – I even have eyelash extensions – and I love getting dressed up. I feel good about myself."

Although she is quick to stress that it's still early days, Marina is back in the dating game. "I'm not looking for anything serious at the moment – I want to enjoy my freedom a bit," she says. "But one thing I've learned is that you can't expect anyone else to love you if you don't love yourself – and I love myself now."

Marina's new year's resolution is to run the 2010 London Marathon in aid of a children's charity. It's the kind of challenge she would have shied away from, but, thanks to her new-found self-confidence, she is trying all kinds of new things these days – even belly dancing.

"The children are definitely proud of me, though my son doesn't like it if his friends say I'm fit," laughs Marina. "It just goes to show that, if you really want to, you do have the power to change your life."

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Family swaps shelf life for the good life

IT'S early on a winter morning, so early the sky is still dark, and the Cambridgeshire countryside is shrouded in fog. All in all, it's pretty uninviting. But one family are already out and about – tending their flock of Welsh mountain sheep.

"It is hard work, especially when it's cold and dark," admits Grant Hawthorne. "But I just love being outside and I love being with the animals: there's something refreshing and wholesome about it..."

"Grant's pathetically soppy about the sheep," laughs his wife, Shauna. "He sits and chats to them."

Although they live in the middle of Cambridge, the Hawthornes – Grant and Shauna plus Scott, 8, and Hilary, 4 – have their own little farm. Spanning several acres, it's home to an impressive vegetable plot as well as the sheep.

And it's all part of their plan – to shun supermarkets and live a more self-sufficient life.

"It all started this time last year," Grant explains. "Jokingly, I said: 'Could we actually survive without going to the supermarket?' We started thinking about it seriously and then decided to set ourselves a challenge: to go 12 months without shopping in the supermarket at all."

"I can't say it's all been easy," adds Shauna. "It doesn't just change the way you shop, it changes your whole way of life. But we've managed it – and

This time last year, Grant and Shauna Hawthorne made a resolution not to set foot in a supermarket for a full 12 months. The couple tell ALICE RYAN about going self-sufficient.

we've loved doing it, too."

Grant, who runs his own management consultancy, says he had long been troubled by what he describes as the monopoly of supermarkets. "Can you imagine waking up one day and there being nothing else left, nothing except supermarkets? That's a really scary thought," he explains.

"The way supermarkets produce and supply food now just isn't sustainable long-term. So many people are realising that and starting to grow their own; we decided it was time for us to give it a go."

Last New Year's Eve, Grant admits making a final sortie to the supermarket deli counter – delicacies are, he says, the only thing he's really missed. He also ordered 12 free range chickens from a local farmer, to get the new regime under way. "We got them and thought: 'Right, what do we do now?'" Shauna laughs. "We had to go out and buy a new freezer..."

A keen gardener, Shauna already grew some vegetables in the back garden. But, realising they needed far more growing space to keep the family going all year, she and Grant

decided to invest in an allotment. The waiting list for a Cambridge plot was enormous but, after phoning around some local land agents, they found an acre to rent in Snaillwell.

Half the patch was dedicated to home-grown veg, while Shauna decided to sow wheat on the other half. However, the couple decided to focus on sourcing ethically reared meat. First came a share in a pig, then a cow, both from local farms. Asking friends if they wanted to get involved, Grant says the numbers soon rocketed.

"It got to the point where we were sharing with somewhere between 30 and 40 people," he says. "We



Great outdoors: Grant and Shauna Hawthorne with Scott and Hilary, and below left, Scott gets down to feeding some of the sheep.

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contacted the environmental health department and they said you have to be registered as a food business, even if you're only sharing with friends. That's how Tiny Farmer started."

Tiny Farmer is Grant and Shauna's online food-sharing business, www.tinyfarmer.co.uk, which now supplies more than 150 people with compassionately farmed meat.

Throughout the season, Grant also went shooting, bringing home both pheasant and partridge – and also stalked his first deer. "I went on YouTube to find out how to butcher it because the butcher wanted £200," he says. "I did it step by step – and it took six hours..."

Given the chance to rent increased acreage in Snaillwell, the Hawthornes then branched out into keeping sheep. "That's probably been the highlight of this whole thing for me," smiles Grant. "The sheep are just lovely. We only had seven to start with. When it came to shearing them, we ended up with quite an audience: passers-by kept stopping to look!"

This spring, he and Shauna will be

investing in a small herd of Aberdeen Angus: instead of buying cattle fully-grown from local farmers, ready for slaughter, they will be rearing the animals themselves. They also keep chickens for their eggs.

There are, Shauna and Grant agree, almost endless benefits to living a more self-sufficient life: it's more ethical, it reduces your carbon footprint, it provides you with fresh, seasonal food which tastes great and is free from all kinds of chemicals (including fertilisers and preservatives) – and the physical work involved helps keep you fit.

Although the family's 12-month challenge is at an end, they say they have no intention of returning to a regular supermarket shop (though the odd trip to the deli counter might be in order).

"I would definitely recommend becoming more self-sufficient," says Shauna. "Yes, it can be hard work and it requires quite a lot of commitment – but it is hugely rewarding."

■ For more information, visit www.tinyfarmer.co.uk

YOUR GUIDE TO MOVING HOME



1 Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- Send off change of address cards.
- Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

2 ON MOVING DAY:

- Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- Take down curtains.
- Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- Turn off electric appliances.
- Disconnect cooker.
- Turn off boiler/central heating.
- Turn off water.
- Read gas meter.
- Read electricity meter.
- Secure all windows.
- Lock all doors.
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- On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

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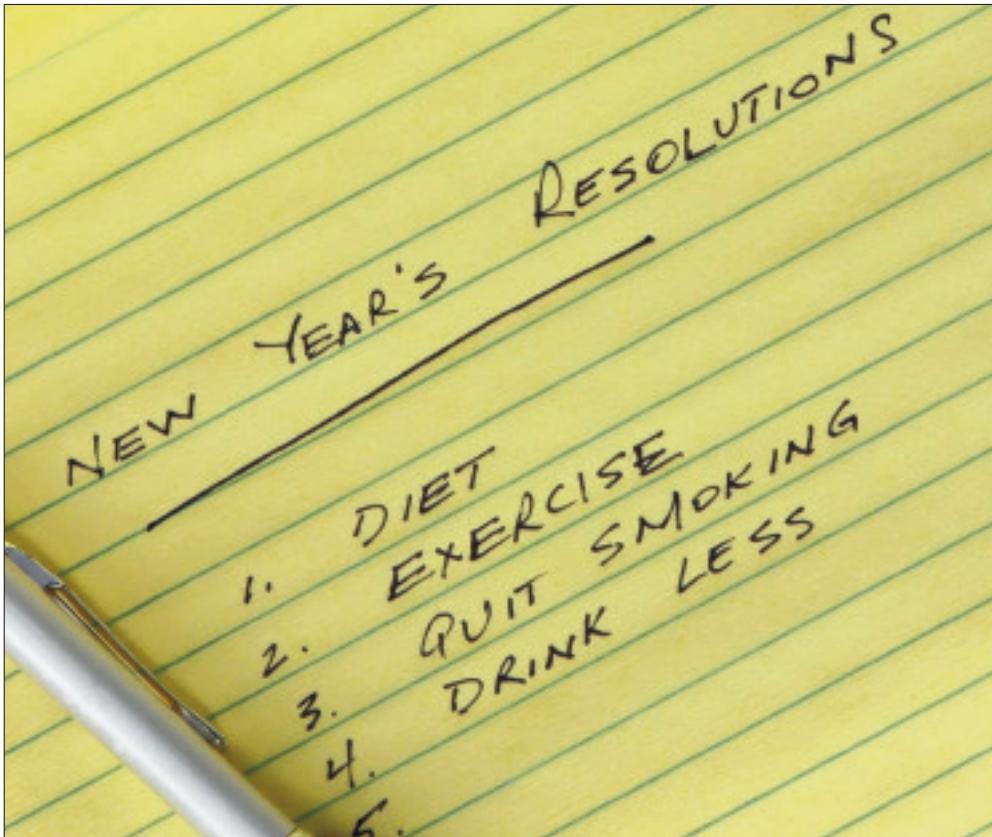


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New Year, New You...



Keep practical: Making notes of the changes you are making puts the process into perspective.

Go gently

AS the Noughties give way to the first double-digit decade of the century, millions of us will have ushered in 2010 with resolutions promising to make it a year to remember.

Whether it's finding love, losing a stone, quitting smoking or having more time to relax, New Year's resolutions have long been used as a way to kick-start some positive lifestyle changes.

Some 37 million Britons made resolutions in 2009, according to a recent survey, but 2010 could see that number increase – not least because the stakes are seemingly higher, says life coach Sue Belton.

"It's not just a new year, but a whole new

decade we're ushering in," she explains.

"Now's really the time to clarify what you want and where you'd like to be in another 10 years' time – because what you want in 10 years is a lot bigger than what you want in just one year's time."

That might seem a bit of a stressful call to arms, but it could also be an inspiration to finally kick that habit or make that change.

Just bear in mind that making – and keeping – your resolutions requires a bit of finesse, as well as the determination to stick to a few simple, but effective, rules.

For many of us, establishing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a key focus for January. And it is this positive wording which could

spell the difference between success and failure.

"If you want to lose weight, word your goal to be 'increasing your health' or gaining a new image', not 'I will stop eating chocolate,'" says life coach and cognitive hypnotherapist Sue Roberts.

Old habits are always hard to break, so try not to beat yourself up if you fall off the wagon.

"If your resolution is to eat more healthily, just because you don't eat your five fruit and veg on day one doesn't mean that you can't eat them on day two," adds Roberts.

"Learn from your 'failure' instead. Perhaps five-a-day is too much all at once, so try eating three-a-day and working up from there."



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Quo among host of spring visitors

THE post-Christmas months can be a drab and dreary time – so to put a bit of sparkle back into your lives here's a look ahead to a new season of entertainment.

This first section previews some top names appearing in Cambridge until April and on the following page is a round-up of theatre on offer.

■ **Status Quo**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, January 28.

The veteran performers return for a master class in rock when their Pictures: 40 Years of Hits tour graces the stage.

■ **Imogen Heap**, The Junction, February 12.

Singer, songwriter and part producer, Imogen Heap will be making her way to Cambridge as part of a nationwide tour to promote her latest album, *Ellipse*, which gained a huge North American following.

■ **Czech National Symphony Orchestra**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, February 13.

Conducted by Petr Altrichter, former principal conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the programme includes a range of 19th-century classics, bookended by two famous eighth symphonies by Schubert and Dvorak.

■ **Lostprophets**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, February 15.

This band had quite a 2009, with headlining the Radio 1/NME stage at the Reading and Leeds Festivals and will be here to plug their fourth studio album, *The Betrayed*.

■ **Shockwaves NME Tour**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, February 19.



The awards season is ahead of us and thus another Shockwaves NME Awards Tour is on the way to profile rising names. This year sees The Maccabees, Bombay Bicycle Club, The Big Pink and The Drums on stage.

■ **Peter Andre**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, February 22.

The show will see Andre performing tracks from his top five album *Revelation* – including recent hit *Behind Closed Doors* – as well as a number of his previous classic hits, including *Mysterious Girl* and, of course, the classic *Insania*.

■ **Noisettes**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, February 23.

Fronted by the fabulous Shingai Shoniwa, The Noisettes are the people behind *Don't Upset the Rhythm*, the song we were all singing non-stop last summer thanks to a certain car advert and lifted from their second studio album, *Wild Young Hearts*.

■ **The Humans**, The Junction, February 23.



An experimental band, featuring some real musical veterans including Bill Rieflin of REM fame, reformed punk Toyah Wilcox and Chris Wong. The group have described their sound as The White Stripes meets Lou Reed and Kate Bush.

■ **Tinchy Stryder**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, March 1.

After clinching the number one spot with N-Dubz with the aptly named single *Number One*, Stryder went on to collaborate with Sugababe Amelle Berrabah on another number one hit *Never Leave You*.

■ **Mumford and Sons**, The Junction, March 10.

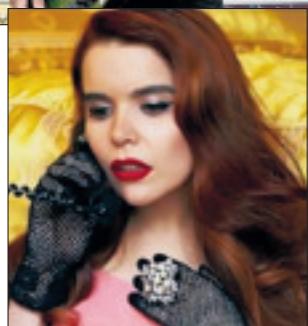
Songs feature a dashing of rock, mixed in with a lot of folk from these four rather quirky-looking boys who released their debut album, *Sigh No More* to critical acclaim.

■ **New Young Pony Club**, The Junction, March 27.

Three girls and one lonesome lad, fronted by



Rockin' all over: Status Quo, above, are here later in January, and other acts on the way are Peter Andre, far left, the Noisettes, left, and Paloma Faith, right.



Tahita Rotardier Bulmer, this band class their sound as a marriage between dance and pop, which results in something you can dance and sing along to in equal measures.

■ **The Stranglers**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, March 19.

The Seventies punk rockers may entertain

with hits such as *Grip*, *Peaches*, *No More Heroes*, *5 Minutes*, *Duchess*, *Something Better Change*, *Always the Sun* and their ultimate classic *Golden Brown*.

■ **Paloma Faith**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, March 23.

This red-haired firecracker has shot to fame with a top 10 album, *Do You Want the Truth or Something Beautiful* and her powerhouse voice with silky, soulful undertones will be belting out her top 20 hits *Stone Cold Sober* and *New York* among other numbers.

■ **Joan Armatrading**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, April 9.

Joan has produced some astonishing

tracks over the past 36 years including *Love And Affection*, *Willow*, *Drop The Pilot* and *Lovers Speak*.

■ **James**, Cambridge Corn Exchange, April 10.

The men behind perennial student disco anthem *Sit Down* have announced a new tour for spring 2010. Formed in Manchester in the 80s, the seven re-grouped in 2007.

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■ **HMS Pinafore**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, February 1-6. The latest production from Cambridge University's Gilbert and Sullivan Society arrives just ahead of their 50th anniversary. Billed as a fresh and exciting remake of the production which made Gilbert and Sullivan big names, director Poppy Burton-Morgan gives the timeless comic opera a saucy twist by transporting its Victorian characters and their ship into the rip-roaring 1920s. Cambridge's finest student thespians will take on the roles in a complex love triangle, which wouldn't be out of place on *EastEnders*.

The captain's daughter, Josephine, faces the decision whether to marry for love by tying the knot with the ship's foremost lad, Ralph Rackstraw or for reason, by marrying the Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Joseph Porter. Add that sizzling saga to a stage filled with a rowdy crew of horn-piping sailors and you will certainly be in for a treat.

■ **Present Laughter**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, February 8-13. Robert Bathurst, of *Cold Feet* fame, takes on the role of self-obsessed actor Garry Essendine in Noel Coward's semi-autobiographical play, *Present Laughter*. Unfortunately for Garry, just before he sets off on tour, he is visited by a bizarre cocktail of ex-wives, lawyers, playwrights and even

the odd one-night stand, who all force him into dealing with his mid-life crisis.

■ **The Crucible**

ADC, February 9-13.

Religious fervour and sexual repression come into conflict in this classic and revolutionary play. Triggered by McCarthyism and set at the time of the Salem witchcraft trials, *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller, captures the paranoia and hatred which swept Province of Massachusetts Bay in 1692.

■ **Twelfth Night**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, February 15-20.

Enjoy a night of rich culture and entertainment in the company of some of Cambridge's most vigorous young actors. The Marlowe Society will be giving a fresh look at this epic comedy of survival, loss and love. One of Shakespeare's most celebrated plays, *Twelfth Night* follows the shipwrecked heroine Viola, who enters into the service of Duke Orsino while disguised as her twin brother. Cue a riotous tangle of mistaken identities and love triangles.

■ **My Wonderful Day**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, February 22-27. Winnie is a somewhat silent observer in a house filled with adults in crisis. During a day off from school, she has an essay to write on the subject, 'My Wonderful Day' and, unsurprisingly, with her house filled with a range of complex characters – from a jaded TV personality to a highly-strung mistress – Winnie isn't short of inspiration. Alan Ayckbourn's subversive comedy comes to Cambridge fresh from a successful New York run.

■ **The Woman in Black**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, March 1-6. Spine-chilling, intense and powerful, the spine Stephen Mallatratt adapted from Susan Hill's best-selling novel traces the path of a lawyer, Arthur Kipps, who is obsessed with



a curse which he believes has been cast over him and his family by the mysterious 'woman in black'.

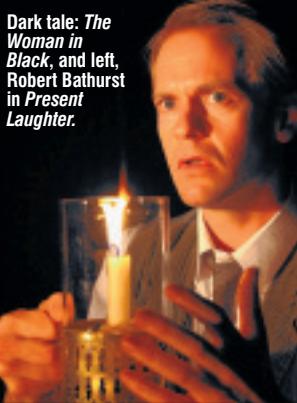
In order to help tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul, Arthur enlists a sceptical young actor. As they reach further into the lawyer's darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds where the distinctions between belief and reality begin to blur.

■ **The History Boys**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, March 8-20.

Acclaimed playwright Alan Bennett's *The History Boys* will be Arts Theatre-bound this March for the first major revival of the play since the original national theatre production. The play follows eight 6th form students from the northern extremities of England who, while attempting to land a place at Oxford and Cambridge universities, have to avoid being distracted by the two big things in any teenage boys life: sport and sex.

■ **Annie Get Your Gun**



ADC, March 9-20. Contact (01223) 300085

This spring sees Cambridge University Amateur Dramatics Club tackling Irving Berlin's classic musical about legendary sharp-shooter Annie Oakley.

When Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show comes to town, trigger-happy Annie quickly falls in love with the show's gun-toting star, Frank Butler. But who is the finer shot? And will their rivalry shoot holes in their romance?

With a witty book by the legendary Herbert and Dorothy Fields and well-known songs such as *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better* and *Sun in the Morning*, this promises to be a wild (west) ride!

■ **Wife After Death**

Cambridge Arts Theatre, March 22-27.

From the pen of Eric Chappell, BAFTA award-winning writer of such TV comedies as *Rising Damp*, comes a new play all about a successful television comedian who upon death leaves his wife, agent and close companions bereft.

Tom Conti takes the lead in a play that speaks volumes about Eric Chappell's lifetime working in comedy.

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Quasimodo's panto in Paris

CENTRE Stage Company make a welcome return to Haverhill Arts Centre with their panto *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, which will make a nice change from the traditional pantos.

This panto version of a classic tale takes place in Paris during carnival time in 1400 and something.

The plot sees the evil Minister of Justice Claude Frollo attempting to rid Paris of all villagers including the beautiful and vivacious Esmeralda, who has caught the eye of the new Captain of the Guard, Phoebus.

Can Quasimodo, who lives at the top of the bell-tower of Notre Dame in the company of two rather questionable gargoyles, save Esmeralda? Can you help him? Oh yes you can! Tickets for Friday, January 22, have gone, but there are some available for Saturday, January 23, at 2pm and 6pm and on Sunday, January 24, at 2pm only as the 6pm tickets are sold out. Call for ticket details.

■ Alfred Molina stars in *An Education* (12A) tonight at 7.45pm. Based on Lynn Barber's memoirs and written by Nick Hornby, this is a funny yet provocative coming of age movie that reflects Britain on the brink of a cultural revolution. Sixteen-year-old Jenny entertains fantasies of a Francophile future and an Oxford education, but her parents' plans swiftly change when suave 30-something David arrives on the scene.

■ Tomorrow sees a screening of *The Men Who Stare At Goats* (15), based on Jon Ronson's bestseller, starring George Clooney, Jeff Bridges, Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacey. This funny and eye-opening story, showing at 7.45pm, reveals a bizarre secret US Military unit trained in paranormal techniques. Cinema tickets are £5 and £4.

■ Join the centre's Reel Culture Film Club, where the programme includes a selection of the best foreign language, art house, independent and classic cinema.

Membership costs £5 and gives admission to Reel Culture films for £3.50.

■ For more details about the shows, or to book tickets, phone (01440) 714140 or go to www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk

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Times from Friday, January 15, until Thursday, January 21.

The Book of Eli (15): Daily 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm; Sat & Sun 11am, 1.30pm.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Sat & Sun 10.50am, 1.20pm.

It's Complicated (15): Daily 5.45pm, 8.30pm.

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 6pm (subtitled Sun & Mon), 8.45pm.

Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily 3.45pm; Sat, Sun & Mon 1.45pm; Sun 11.15am.

Avatar (12A): Daily 4.45pm, 8.15pm; Sat & Sun 1.10pm.

St. Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Daily 3.30pm; Sat & Sun 10.40am, 1pm.

Where The Wild Things Are (PG): Sun 11.10am; Mon 2.30pm.

Fantastic Mr Fox (PG): Sat 10.30am.

Up (U): Sat 10.30am.

Cinebabies - Parent & Baby Screenings (Under 18 Months)

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Mon 11.30am.

Avatar (12A): Mon 11.30am.

St. Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Mon 11.30am.

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Times from Friday, January 15, until Thursday, January 21.

The Men Who Star At Goats (15): Fri 7.45pm.

1.50pm, 4pm; Sat & Sun 11.45am.

Avatar 3D (12A): Daily 5pm, 8.30pm.

Avatar (12A): Daily 1pm.

St. Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Sat & Sun noon, 2.45pm.

Fantastic Mr Fox (PG): Sat 10.05am.

Up (U): Sat 10.10am.

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (U): Sat 10am.

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Times from Friday, January 15,

until Thursday, January 21.

The Book Of Eli (15): Daily 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm;

Fri, Sat & Wed 11.40pm.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11pm; Sat & Sun 10.20am.

The Wiggles - Big Big Show In The Round (U): Sat & Sun 10.30am.

La Traviata (tbc): Mon 2pm; Tue 6.15pm.

Avatar 3D (12A): Daily except Tue 12.30pm; Daily except Tue 7.30pm; Daily except Mon & Tue 4pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.40pm.

Up In The Air (15): Daily 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11pm; Sat & Sun 10.20am.

La Traviata (tbc): Mon 2pm; Tue 6.15pm.

Avatar (12A): Daily 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm; Sat & Sun 11am.

Daybreakers (15): Daily 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm; Sun 11.35am.

It's Complicated (15): Daily 5.45pm, 8.40pm.

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 12.20pm (subtitled Sun), 3.10pm, 6pm (subtitled Sun), 8.50pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.10pm; Sat & Sun 9.40am.

Daybreakers (15): Daily 11.50am, 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.10pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 12.10pm; Sat & Sun 11.30pm.

Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily 8.15pm.

Sherlock Holmes (12A): Daily 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.35pm; Sun 11.30am.

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Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily 8.15pm.

The big film

IT'S COMPLICATED

(15, 120 mins)

Romantic Comedy. Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin, John Krasinski, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Hunter Parrish, Zoo Kazan, Rita Wilson, Mary Kay Place, Alexandra Wentworth, Nora Dunn, Lake Bell. Director: Nancy Meyers.

WRITER-DIRECTOR Nancy Meyers has forged a reputation with smart, insightful and semi-autobiographical comedies that reveal myriad potholes in the road to true love.

In her latest film, Meyers skips through the emotional minefield of post-divorce relationships as seen through the eyes of a mother, who embarks on a tempestuous affair – with her ex-husband.

It's Complicated is a misnomer – the simple, linear narrative follows the characters' machinations to a logical conclusion – but the sparkling on-screen chemistry between the three leads adds polish to the familiar material.

Jane Adler (Streep) runs a bakery/ restaurant in Santa Barbara, dazzling customers with flaky chocolate croissants and light, airy breads.

Her grown-up kids – Lauren

It's Complicated (15): Daily noon, 2.40pm, 5.20pm, 8pm.

The Road (15): Daily 3pm, 8.45pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 10.50pm.

Alvin And The Chipmunks 2 - The Squeakquel (U): Daily 11.20pm.

Did You Hear About The Morgans? (PG): Daily 5.40pm, 8.15pm; Fri, Sat & Wed 10.50pm.

St. Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Sat & Sun 9.50am, 12.15pm.

Planet 51 (U): Sat & Sun 9.50am.

Paul Blart - Mall Cop (PG): Sat & Sun 10.50am.

(Fitzgerald), Luke (Parrish) and Gabby (Kazan) – have all moved out, leaving Jane in her own devices with gal pals Diane (Wentworth), Joanne (Place), Sally (Dunn) and Trisha (Wilson). During a trip to New York to celebrate Luke's graduation, Jane gets drunk at the hotel bar with attorney ex-husband Jake (Baldwin) and the pair end up in bed.

Jane feels guilty as Jake is now married to a younger woman, Agness (Bell). But she continues the affair with Jake, only to develop feelings for divorced architect Adam (Martin), who she

has hired to remodel her kitchen. "I don't want to fall for someone who's seeing someone else, I couldn't take that," he confides. *It's Complicated* is a delightful two hours of laughter and self-reflection.

Meyers affirms her credentials as one of the best comic actresses working today. Baldwin is irresistible as the bullish alpha male determined to turn back time.

Meanwhile, Martin delivers a tender and funny performance that leaves a lump in the throat when it looks likely he will have his heart broken again.

2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm; Sat & Sun 9.40am, 11.40am.

St. Trinian's 2 - The Legend Of Fritton's Gold (PG): Sat & Sun 9.50am, 12.15pm.

Planet 51 (U): Sat & Sun 9.50am.

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Make design changes now to save time later

The start of the year is often the time when many gardeners plan what to grow in their vegetable and flower borders and look into changing their garden's design.

For many, changes in design are often made to accommodate the lack of time available to tend their garden. This can mean losing areas of lawn which are high maintenance and fiddly to mow, replacing perennial borders with evergreens to add interest all year round, and introducing large all-year plants to containers rather than annuals which have to be changed from season to season.

There are some who fear that a low-maintenance garden will become dull and colourless or simply a haven to paving slabs and concrete, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Cottage gardens are probably out for the time-strapped gardener as they are generally teeming with plants which need some care, including annuals, perennials and roses and although they may look natural, they need an awful lot of cutting back and dead-heading.



by Hannah Stephenson

Likewise, traditional formal gardens with the neatest of flower borders, bowling green lawns and carefully-clipped hedges require a lot of maintenance and time.

You can, however, create a visually pleasing space which won't take huge amounts of time to tend if you plan carefully.

Small, enclosed spaces are perfect for paving, which could be surrounded by raised beds, narrow borders and pots, so you can still experiment with planting but won't be weeding and digging for hours on end.

You might include textures to your hard landscaping to create interest, such as ceramics or cobbles. Raised beds can also offer casual seating and changes in level to an otherwise-featureless space.

Low-maintenance larger gardens can be separated into compartments

which can be screened from each other to provide surprises and changes in mood. Many ornamental grasses, including *Stipa tenuissima* and sedges (*Carex*), can be dotted at ground level in gravel or slate to provide texture to otherwise boring areas.

Large single specimen plants of architectural interest, such as Japanese maples or phormiums, stand out if placed against uncluttered backdrops and can provide a far more pleasing picture than a series of smaller pots containing a variety of different plants.

To reduce maintenance, use fences with climbing plants rather than hedges which need trimming, paths of gravel or bricks instead of grass ones and self-watering hanging baskets instead of free-draining ones.

Don't make your flower borders too deep as you'll end up becoming a slave to weeding and watering. Use reliable ground cover plants such as cranesbill geranium to take up any visible soil space and mulch your borders and areas of bare ground to suppress weeds.

Paved or decked areas, which are easy to keep tidy and weed-free, provide the hard landscaping for you

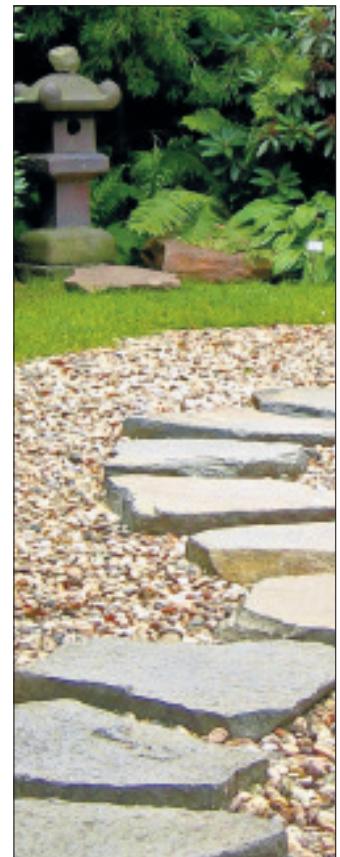
to tend your surrounding plants, which ideally should include a selection of low maintenance flowering shrubs and evergreens.

Remember, though, that while some gardens can be low maintenance, no garden is 'no maintenance'. Work out how much time you are going to have to look after your garden and then plan accordingly. Take time now to make design changes and you'll save a heap of time later in the season.

BEST OF THE BUNCH

- *Fatsia japonica*

This shade-loving evergreen is as tough as old boots provided you don't place it in full sun. It provides a tropical touch with its glossy hand-shaped leaves and branched creamy white flowerheads in autumn. Also known as the false castor oil plant, it has a strong architectural presence with its all-year large glossy leaves and can take up a large space, reaching 3m x 3m (10ft x 10ft) when fully grown. For white-edged leaves, go for *Variegata*. It will thrive in dry, shady places where others quickly wilt. It does, however, need shade or at least partial shade. No pruning is necessary, just snip out any dead leaves caught by the frost to give it a spring clean.



Thinking ahead: a low maintenance garden does not have to be dull and colourless.

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THE GUIDE | WEEKEND TV

SATURDAY

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.
- 10.00 Saturday Kitchen.
- 11.35 Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. With chef Jason Atherton.
- 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 12.15 Football Focus. A look ahead to the weekend's matches.
- 1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. Coverage of the opening best-of-11-frames semi-final at Wembley Arena.
- 4.30 Final Score.
- 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 5.30 Total Wipeout. Adventure game show, hosted by Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram.
- 6.30 So You Think You Can Dance. Cat Deeley hosts the search for a new dance star.
- 7.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.
- 8.20 So You Think You Can Dance. The 12 remaining contestants showcase a group dance, before the two couples with the lowest scores compete again in the dance-off.
- 8.50 Casually.
- 9.40 Live at the Apollo. Jason Manford hosts the stand-up comedy show.
- 10.10 BBC News; Weather.
- 10.30 Match of the Day.
- 11.50 The Football League Show.
- 1.05 Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.

BBC2

- 6.00 Big Cook Little Cook.
- 6.20 Clifford.
- 6.35 Brum.
- 6.45 Louie.
- 7.00 Dennis and Gnasher.
- 7.25 Sportsround.
- 7.40 What's New Scooby-Doo?
- 8.00 Blast Lab.
- 8.30 Jump Nation.
- 9.30 Prank Patrol.
- 10.00 Ed and Ouchu.
- 10.30 Keep Your Enemies Close.
- 11.00 The Slammer.
- 11.30 Animals at Work.
- 12.00 Greek.
- 12.45 BBC Switch: The Season.
- 1.15 BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.
- 1.35 BBC Switch: The Cut.
- 2.00 Animal Park.
- 2.45 FILM: Alvarez Kelly (1966). American Civil War Western.
- 3.30 Live Snooker: The Masters. The conclusion of the opening semi-final.
- 4.30 Live Snooker: The Masters. All Star Mr & Mrs.
- 6.00 A History of Christianity.
- 7.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World. Dan Snow examines the role of the Royal Navy in Britain's development.
- 8.00 The Legacy of Lawrence of Arabia.
- 9.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The second semi-final of the non-ranking event.
- 10.30 Heroes. Claire decides to share her secret with Gretchen.
- 11.15 Qi XL.
- 12.00 The Persuasionists. Comedy.

ITV

- 6.00 GMTV.
- 6.25 FILM: Getting There (2002). Teen comedy adventure.
- 11.05 Popstar to Operastar. Crossover singing contest.
- 12.35 News and Weather.
- 12.45 FILM: Like Mike (2002). Children's adventure.
- 2.35 FILM: Wild Wild West (1999). Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith.
- 4.25 Creature Comforts. A monkey with teething troubles.
- 4.40 News and Weather.
- 5.10 FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005). Period fantasy adventure, starring Emma Thompson and Colin Firth.
- 7.00 Harry Hill's Best of TV Burp. Classic clips, skits and quips from previous series.
- 7.30 Take Me Out. A male model, a cocktail flamer and a muscle-bound gymnast are among the eligible bachelors trying to impress 30 single women.
- 8.30 All Star Mr & Mrs.
- 9.30 FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001). A single woman begins a new year with resolutions to find love, give up her bad habits and step up the career ladder. Romantic comedy starring Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth.
- 11.20 ITV News and Weather.
- 11.35 FILM: Blue Crush (2002). Drama, with Katie Bosworth.
- 1.35 FILM: The Paper (1994). Comedy drama.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.05 The Hoobs.
- 7.00 Freesports on 4.
- 7.30 World Sport.
- 8.00 The Morning Line.
- 8.55 T4: Friends. Danny DeVito and Donny Osmond guest star.
- 9.35 T4: Friends.
- 10.10 T4: A Diary of the Saturdays: A T4 Special.
- 10.45 T4: Pink Funhouse Live. A performance by the singer.
- 11.55 T4: Celebrity Big Brother. Davina McCall announces the name of an evictee.
- 12.55 T4: Celebrity Big Brother.
- 1.25 T4: Scrubs. The medics go their separate ways.
- 2.00 Channel 4 Racing.
- 4.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. Four instalments of the culinary competition in Newcastle.
- 6.05 Channel 4 News.
- 6.35 FILM: The Parent Trap (1998). Separated twin sisters meet for the first time by accident and try to reunite their parents. Comedy remake, starring Lindsay Lohan.
- 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. More from the star-filled house as the inmates cope with the pressures of being locked up together 24 hours a day.
- 10.00 FILM: Om Shanti Om (2007). A reincarnated actor seeks out the man responsible for his death. Bollywood musical fantasy.
- 1.10 Big Brother's Big Mouth.

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- 6.00 Sunrise.
- 7.00 Elmo's World.
- 7.15 Fireman Sam.
- 7.30 Milkshake Monkey.
- 7.35 Chiro.
- 7.40 Make Way for Noddy.
- 7.55 Bop Box.
- 8.00 Hana's Helpline.
- 8.15 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.
- 8.30 Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.
- 8.50 Harry and His Bucket.
- 9.00 Olivia.
- 9.15 The Mr Men Show.
- 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing.
- 10.00 NFL UK.
- 11.00 Big, Bigger, Biggest.
- 12.00 FILM: My Dog Skip (2000). Coming-of-age drama.
- 1.45 FILM: A Stranger to Love (1996). Drama.
- 3.35 FILM: The Adventures of Quentin Durward (1955).
- 5.40 Five News.
- 5.45 FILM: Brannigan (1975). Thriller, starring John Wayne.
- 7.50 NCIS.
- 8.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Catherine solves a murder arising from a neighbourhood feud.
- 9.40 CSI: NY. A murderer wages a cyber war on healthcare workers.
- 10.40 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
- 11.40 Women Who Kill. The story of a woman who persuaded her teenage lover to murder her husband.
- 12.10 SuperCasino.



So You Think You Can Dance
BBC1, Saturday, 6.30pm



Heroes
BBC2, Saturday, 10.30pm



Children of Men
ITV, Sunday, 10.15pm



Glee
Channel 4, Sunday, 5.35pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.
- 7.35 Match of the Day.
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
- 10.00 The Big Questions.
- 11.00 Country Tracks.
- 12.00 The Politics Show.
- 1.00 Cash in the Attic.
- 1.45 'Allo 'Allo! The resistance continues to do battle.
- 2.05 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica investigates the world of high finance when her stockbroker is killed.
- 2.55 EastEnders.
- 4.50 Lifeline.
- 5.00 Songs of Praise. Diane Louise Jordan visits Hampstead Garden Suburb in London.
- 5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury visit Jersey.
- 7.00 Antiques Roadshow. More valuations from the motor racing museum at Brooklands, near Weybridge in Surrey.
- 8.00 Lark Rise to Candleford. Daniel returns to Candleford in a bid to win back Laura, but the locals are not in a forgiving mood.
- 9.00 Wallander.
- 10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
- 10.55 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of today's Premier League fixtures.
- 11.55 FILM: Amistad (1997). Historical drama, starring Anthony Hopkins.

BBC2

- 6.00 Big Cook Little Cook.
- 6.20 Clifford.
- 6.35 Brum.
- 6.45 Louie.
- 7.00 Dennis and Gnasher.
- 7.40 The Basil Brush Show.
- 8.05 Jinx.
- 8.30 Dani's House.
- 9.00 Tracy Beaker Returns.
- 9.30 ROY.
- 10.00 Something for the Weekend. With actor Andy Serkis and pop group N-Dubz.
- 11.30 Escape to the Country. Searching for a rural home in south Cumbria.
- 12.15 FILM: The Way to the Stars (1945). World War Two drama, starring John Mills.
- 2.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening session of the final at Wembley Arena.
- 4.45 Ski Sunday. The men's World Cup downhill.
- 5.15 FILM: The Three Musketeers (1993). Swashbuckling adventure, starring Kiefer Sutherland and Charlie Sheen.
- 6.55 Top Gear. Musician Seasisck Steve is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
- 8.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The second and concluding session of the final at Wembley Arena in London.
- 11.00 FILM: Massacre in Rome (1973). Fact-based World War Two drama.
- 12.40 BBC News.

ITV

- 6.00 GMTV.
- 6.25 Coronation Street. Omnibus. News and Weather.
- 11.35 FILM: Gambit (1966). A thief conspires with a nightclub singer to steal a priceless statue from a multi-millionaire. Crime comedy.
- 1.45 FILM: Columbo: An Exercise in Fatality (1974). A health club owner murders his business partner. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
- 3.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot. The sleuth investigates a murder on board a train bound for the French Riviera. Starring David Suchet with Elliott Gould.
- 5.45 FILM: Columbus: An Exercise in Fatality (1974). A health club owner murders his business partner. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
- 6.15 News and Weather.
- 1.45 FILM: Harry Hill's Best of TV Burp. Classic clips and skits from previous series.
- 6.45 Dancing on Ice.
- 8.30 Wild at Heart. Danny begins to have a crisis about his age after hurting his back, and feels worse when a young hot-shot vet takes a shine to Alice.
- 9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two couples with the fewest votes skate again to stay in the competition.
- 10.00 ITV News and Weather.
- 10.15 FILM: Children of Men (2006). In a future stricken by mass infertility, a man tries to protect the only pregnant woman in the world. Thriller, starring Clive Owen.
- 12.10 Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Crime.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.05 The Hoobs.
- 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba.
- 7.00 Beach Volleyball.
- 7.55 Adventure Racing.
- 8.55 T4: The Hills. Audrina invites Lauren to dinner.
- 9.25 T4: Friends.
- 10.00 Hollyoaks. Omnibus.
- 12.35 T4: Celebrity Big Brother.
- 1.40 T4: Big Brother's Little Brother.
- 2.45 T4: 90210. Annie discovers Naomi tried to sabotage her reputation.
- 3.40 T4: The Simpsons. Mr Burns receives a blood transfusion from Bart.
- 4.20 T4: The Simpsons.
- 4.50 Deal or No Deal.
- 5.35 Glee. New series. Musical comedy-drama, starring Matthew Morrison.
- 6.35 Glee. The club puts on its first performance in front of the whole school.
- 7.30 Channel 4 News.
- 8.00 Celebrity Big Brother. More from the star-filled house.
- 9.00 Slumdog Secret Millionaire. Wealthy dentist and entrepreneur Seema Sharma leaves her affluent London lifestyle behind to go undercover in the Indian city of Mumbai.
- 10.45 FILM: Dhoom 2 (2006). Thriller sequel, starring Abhishek Bachchan and Uday Chopra.
- 1.45 Celebrity Big Brother: Live.

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- 6.00 Sunrise.
- 7.00 Elmo's World.
- 7.15 Fireman Sam.
- 7.25 Milkshake Monkey.
- 7.30 Chiro.
- 7.35 Make Way for Noddy.
- 7.50 Bop Box.
- 7.55 The WotWots.
- 8.05 Hana's Helpline.
- 8.15 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.
- 8.30 Adventures of Bottles Top Bill.
- 8.50 Harry and His Bucket.
- 9.00 Olivia.
- 9.15 The Mr Men Show.
- 9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
- 10.00 Wizards of Waverly Place.
- 10.35 Zoo Days.
- 11.25 Giant Snake Invasion with Nigel Marven.
- 12.25 Ice Road Truckers. Drew finds work as a forklift driver.
- 1.25 FILM: See Spot Run (2001). Canine comedy.
- 3.15 FILM: Popeye (1980). Musical comedy.
- 5.00 FILM: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988). Comedy sequel.
- 6.40 Five News.
- 6.45 FILM: McQ (1974). Crime thriller, starring John Wayne.
- 9.00 FILM: US Marshals (1998). Thriller sequel, with Tommy Lee Jones reprising his role from The Fugitive.
- 11.35 America's Toughest Prisons.
- 12.35 Crime Scene Academy.

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PROPERTY

Modern three-bedroom home with large gardens



THIS modern semi-detached house is situated in Russett Close, Haverhill.

It comes with a larger than average garden, as well as attractive accommodation.

This includes an entrance hall, good-size

living room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

Two side-by-side parking spaces are also provided.

This property is on the market for £148,000. For further details, call Balmforth on (01440) 707976.



Attractive village property

OFFERS in excess of £182,500 are invited for this village home in Westward Deals, Kedington.

The accommodation includes an entrance

hall, cloakroom, living room, dining room, kitchen and utility room.

On the first floor there are four bedrooms and a bathroom.

A single garage and

front and rear gardens are also featured.

To view this attractive property, get in touch with Abbotts, on (01440) 702575.



One-bedroom flat on the first floor

SITUATED in MeadowSweet Close, Haverhill, is this first-floor flat.

The property consists of one bedroom, a living/dining room, kitchen and bathroom. It is carpeted throughout

and offers allocated parking.

This property can be rented for £475 per calendar month.

To arrange an internal viewing call Preview Property Services on (01440) 714219.

Central location in popular town

THIS property, in Bartlow Place, Haverhill, is currently on the market for £124,995.

It is located on the Chalkstone development and comes with front and rear gardens.

Inside, the accommodation includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room with feature fireplace, dining area, kitchen, three first-floor bedrooms and a bathroom.

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The company is very much a local one, rather than part of a large chain, and offers a caring service with a professional manner.

At Haverhill, the new services will cover property sales and lettings management.

Independent mortgage advice is also available from the team's in-house financial consultant,

Mike Tokley, who has more than 20 years' experience in the financial services industry. He is available for consultations at the office five days a week.

The Haverhill office will be run by Chris, who has been involved with the house building industry for more than 30 years and lived in Haverhill for most of that time.

Chris' role as director is to develop and grow the business.

He has also been compiling Home Information Packs (HIPs) for the past two years.

Also with him will be Chris' wife, Beckie, who will perform the role of office manager.

For more information on Morris Armitage, contact (01440) 768668.

FRESH FACES: From left, Mike Tokley, Beckie Jai-Bahadur, Chris Jai-Bahadur and Simon Morris.

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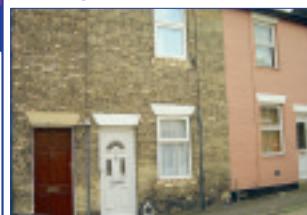
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Brinkley

£315,000

An established and cleverly extended detached family property perfectly set on the edge of this highly regarded development.

Three reception rooms, five bedrooms and two bathrooms, office and garage. Fully enclosed garden, off road parking and wonderful views.



NEW



Newmarket

£265,000

A rather special and well presented period property, centrally located and within close proximity to all local amenities. No chain.

This delightful property enjoys a superb living room with open fireplace, cloakroom, refitted kitchen/dining room and five principle bedrooms.

NEW



Wickham Brook

£255,000

A charming Grade II Listed property set within a semi-rural position and located within this popular Suffolk village.

Accommodation includes entrance hall/utility, kitchen/dining room, sitting room, bathroom and two double bedrooms. Garden and Parking. No Chain.

NEW



Red Lodge

£275,000

A superbly presented and skillfully extended modern bungalow nestling within a cluster of similar properties. Viewing advised.

This stunning property features three principal bedrooms, a cinema/home entertainment room and separate office/garden room. With ample parking.



Isleham

£205,000

A delightful Grade II Listed property, centrally located within this highly regarded village and enjoying some stunning period features.

This character property offers three reception rooms, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom and two double bedrooms. Substantial garden.



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Bumpstead Road
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Burton End
Victorian two bedroom mid terrace lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, gardens to front & rear

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Cross Close
Four bedroom detached property includes lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, bathroom, ensuite and fully double glazed windows.

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Bartlow Place
Three bedroom mid terrace property includes cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, dining area, bathroom and front & rear gardens. Viewing recommended.

£124,995



Reynolds Close
Two bedroom mid terrace property located on the Cambridge side of town. Accommodation includes kitchen, lounge, front and rear gardens and single garage.

OIEO £132,500



Brybank Road

Three bedroom end of terrace property includes cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, master bedroom with ensuite, bathroom, gardens and garage.

OIEO £165,000



Ruffles Road

Four bedrooms, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, en-suite, bathroom, single garage, no onward chain.

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Westward Deals

Four bedroom link detached property includes cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, front & rear gardens and single garage.

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The Holdens, Withersfield Road

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Ridgewell £229,950

Popular village location. Extended semi-detached property. Three bedrooms, lounge, separate dining room, family room, re-fitted kitchen, utility room, good size rear garden. Countryside views.



Wratting Road

£172,950

Well presented semi-detached house. Ground floor cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden approx. 150ft in length, detached garage, timber build stables/storage.



Monarch Close £217,500

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Gurlings Close £187,500

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Henry Close £159,950

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Honeysuckle Close £142,500

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Hawthorn Road

£157,500

Well presented semi-detached family house, lounge, kitchen/dining room, ground floor cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom, gardens and detached garage.



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**Haverhill**

£139,950

A truly impressive and imaginative refurbishment conveniently located on Cambridge side of town. The property has benefitted from an extension to ground floor providing contemporary open plan living space.

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**Kedington**

£139,950

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Merry new Meriva



It's a family affair for update

AT last – the new Vauxhall Meriva family hatchback's debut date has been set, and it should be on sale here by the summer.

Troubles at Vauxhall's parent company, General Motors, have delayed the arrival of the eagerly-awaited Meriva, but it will be paraded before the public early in March at the Geneva Motor Show.

And shortly after that showcasing in Switzerland, it should arrive on these shores. It will mean another big boost for the Vauxhall profile, for the firm has only just launched its latest Astra, which is being built in Britain at the firm's Ellesmere Port plant.



Innovative: Access/egress simplified.

The new Meriva has two big selling points – versatility and family-friendliness, and both centre on the hatchback's two rear doors.

Called FlexDoors, they are unique in this class because they swing open towards the back of the car, at an angle of almost 90 degrees.

This, says Vauxhall, vastly improves the ease with which occupants can enter and leave the cabin.

Rather than having to step back, or to one side, as one would using a normal front-hinged door, the FlexDoors allow unimpeded forward access/egress to and from the cabin's three rear seats. The Meriva is a tall, small car, too, so the high roof line proves a further advantage to this easier access.

With both front and rear doors yawning open, they form a protective enclosed space for mums and dads to attend to little ones without having to walk around a rear door, and they help afford extra privacy in many other ways, such as for toddlers' roadside toilet stops.

Vauxhall describes this enclosure between front and rear doors as a parent-friendly zone, and, vitally, the FlexDoors can only be opened by

occupants while the car is stationary – an automatic lock engages as soon as the car pulls away.

The idea of rear-hinged back doors is not new, but the Meriva's FlexDoor system is the first time it has been employed on a family-sized car in recent years.

There are other innovations, too – the FlexRail is one, where the centre console and storage areas sit on a pair of rails, so they can be moved around to suit the owner's needs.

Consider this with a longer wheelbase and wider track, more comfortable seats that have better rake and adjustment, with the rear ones fully removable, and it all makes the Meriva's flexibility pretty full-on.

Cabin materials will enjoy the same kind of quality experienced in the Insignia and Astra models.

Vauxhall hasn't yet revealed powerplant details, but will say that the Meriva's engines will see a considerable cut in overall running costs, and that CO₂ emissions are down by about 15 per cent overall.

An ecoFlex model will also join the line-up in Britain.

More details will be released by Vauxhall closer to the Geneva show.

Kia extends unique seven-year warranty to cover entire range

KIA is kicking off 2010 by extending its unique seven-year warranty to all its cars – delivering Europe's best manufacturer-backed protection for new car buyers.

Previously available on Kia's European-built products such as cee'd and Sportage, the seven-year warranty will now apply to every vehicle in the Kia range from the Picanto city car to the range-topping Sorento.

"We have already declared our intention to become the world's number one car maker for customer satisfaction and our new 7-Year Kia Warranty on all models is a major step towards achieving that goal," commented Paul Philpott, chief operating officer, Kia Motors Europe.

The new "7-Year Kia Warranty" applies to all vehicles sold and registered in more than 20 European countries from January 1.

Michael Cole, managing director of Kia Motors (UK), explained: "The warranty covers every vehicle in our line-up for up to seven years – and no-one in the business can boast that. Even better, the warranty is transferable to subsequent owners."

bringing a big boost for used values.

"The new 7-Year Kia Warranty is simply the 'longest and best' warranty available on any car, anywhere in Europe. Clearly, a longer warranty is a better warranty and this move will give every Kia owner not just enjoyable motoring but genuine long-term peace of mind."

Qualifications that will apply to the new warranty include:

- Paintwork is covered for five years (depending on model)
- Audio for three years and 60,000 miles
- Service parts, accessories and batteries for two years.

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Kia cee'd: Seven year warranty boost.

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'Roadtrain' idea will mean cars drive that themselves

TESTS will start next year on cars that "drive themselves" in an initiative which could become a reality within 10 years.

Co-ordinated by a UK company, the EU project is called Sartre (Safe Road Trains for the Environment) and involves a "carpooling" roadtrain theory for use on motorways.

The roadtrain would consist of six to eight vehicles whose occupants would be able to relax, read the paper or chat on mobile phones while travelling.

This would be possible because their vehicles would be equipped with a navigation system and a transmitter/receiver unit which communicates with a lead vehicle.

This lead vehicle – possibly a taxi, a bus or a truck – will drive "normally" and effectively "do the motoring" for the rest of the roadtrain.

Drivers approaching their destination will take over control of their own vehicle, leave the convoy by exiting off to the side

and then continue on their own to their destination. The other vehicles in the road train close the gap and continue on their way until the convoy splits up.

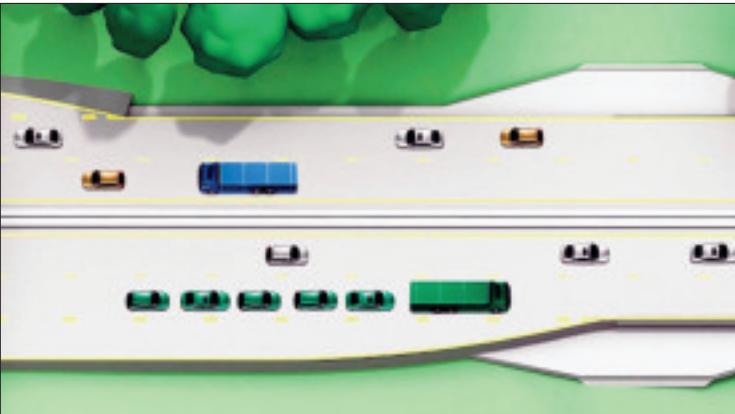
The road trains increase safety and reduce environmental impact thanks to lower fuel consumption compared with cars being driven individually.

The reason is that the cars in the train are close to each other, exploiting the resultant lower air drag.

The energy saving is expected to be in the region of 20 per cent. Road capacity will also be able to be utilised more efficiently.

The Sartre project will be conducted for three years starting in 2011 on test tracks in the UK, Spain and Sweden and eventually on public roads in Spain.

Co-ordinator Tom Robinson, of automotive engineering company Ricardo UK, which is based at Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, said: "The Sartre project brings together a unique mix of technologies, skills and expertise from European industry and academia."



The way ahead? Roadtrains mean drivers handing over control of their vehicle to a remote agency so that drivers can concentrate on doing something else with guaranteed safety.

He went on: "The aim is to encourage the development of safe and environmentally effective roadtrains.

"By developing and implementing the technology at a vehicle level, Sartre aims to realise the potentially very significant safety and environmental benefits of road trains without the need to invest in changes to road infrastructure."

Erik Coelingh, technical director of active safety functions at Volvo Cars, said: "I do appreciate that many people feel this sounds like Utopia. However, this type of autonomous driving actually doesn't require any hocus-pocus technology, and no investment in infrastructure."

"Instead, the emphasis is on development and on adapting technology that is

already in existence. In addition, we must carry out comprehensive testing to verify our high demands on safety."

Researchers see roadtrains primarily as a major benefit to commuters who cover long distances by motorway every day, but they will also be of potential benefit to trucks, buses, coaches vans and other commercial vehicle types.

Great Wall – the Chinese car maker – due to launch range in UK

IM Group, the Coleshill, West Midlands-based firm that imports Subaru, Isuzu, and Daihatsu vehicles into the UK, has now signed a deal to bring Chinese motors to Britain. IM will import the Great Wall Motor Company's cars to Europe this year, and

then into Britain in 2011. Great Wall is a privately owned Chinese firm, and all of its imports will meet strict EU standards, says IM.

IM Group did not say which Great Wall models it will distribute. It said the Chinese car maker has designed and built

models specifically to meet EU whole-vehicle approval standards.

"This will ensure that Great Wall models deliver high standards of crash-worthiness, equal to those of modern European and Japanese vehicles," the company said.



The Great Wall Phenom: On sale in the UK next year.

Range Rover is 'car of the decade'

AUTOCAR.CO.UK readers have chosen the Range Rover as their Car of the Decade.

Autocar's resident car experts nominated and championed 17 great cars launched during the past 10 years for readers to choose from – or voters could suggest their own star car.

Of more than 7,500 votes, 18 per cent – nearly a fifth – were for the Range Rover, launched in 2001 to widespread acclaim.

"The Range Rover is a fine choice for Car of the Decade," said Autocar editor Chas Hallett. "Most polls like this have results skewed towards the latter end of their timescale, but not this one. That the Range Rover was launched nine years ago yet remains a benchmark speaks volumes for the brilliance of its design – and for the taste of the people who voted for it."

The Range Rover saw off

strong showings from the Mk II Lotus Elise, which took second place with 12.5 per cent of the vote, and the Bugatti Veyron and Nissan GT-R, which each polled 8.8 percent of the total to finish joint third.

Nissan's 2009 GT-R is a recent introduction but offers staggering performance at a (relatively) affordable price of under £60,000.

Other notable placings in the survey went to the Lotus Elise-based Vauxhall VX220, Ford Focus, Audi R8, Rolls-Royce Phantom, Tata Nano and Mk II Toyota Prius.

The top 10 in full is:

- 1 Range Rover
- 2 Lotus Elise Mk2
- 3= Bugatti Veyron and Nissan GT-R
- 5 Vauxhall VX220
- 6 Toyota Prius Mk 2
- 7 Tata Nano
- 8 Mini Cooper
- 9 Ford Focus
- 10 Jaguar XF



The Range Rover: Saw off a strong challenge from the Lotus Elise.



Viva Veloce: At Goodwood this year.

This year's Goodwood will be an 'Italian Job'

A MAJOR motoring festival this summer will be very much an "Italian Job".

For the theme of the 2010 Goodwood Festival of Speed is Italy's fascination with motor racing.

With a theme of Viva Veloce – the passion for speed – the festival will honour the cars, drivers and cyclists that have brought success to Italian motorsport.

There will be particular emphasis placed on the Alfa Romeo model, which is celebrating its centenary.

Other cars highlighted will include Maseratis, Ferraris and Lancias.

Expected to be held from July 2-4, the festival will also mark 60 years of the Formula One world championship with a gathering of cars and drivers from the six decades.

Goodwood Festival of Speed founder Lord March said: "It will be fabulous to have so many great cars and drivers here at Goodwood to celebrate our Italian-flavoured Viva Veloce theme for 2010.

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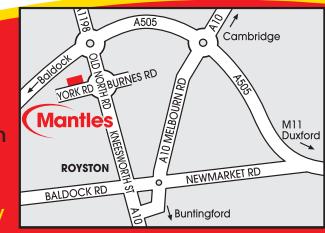
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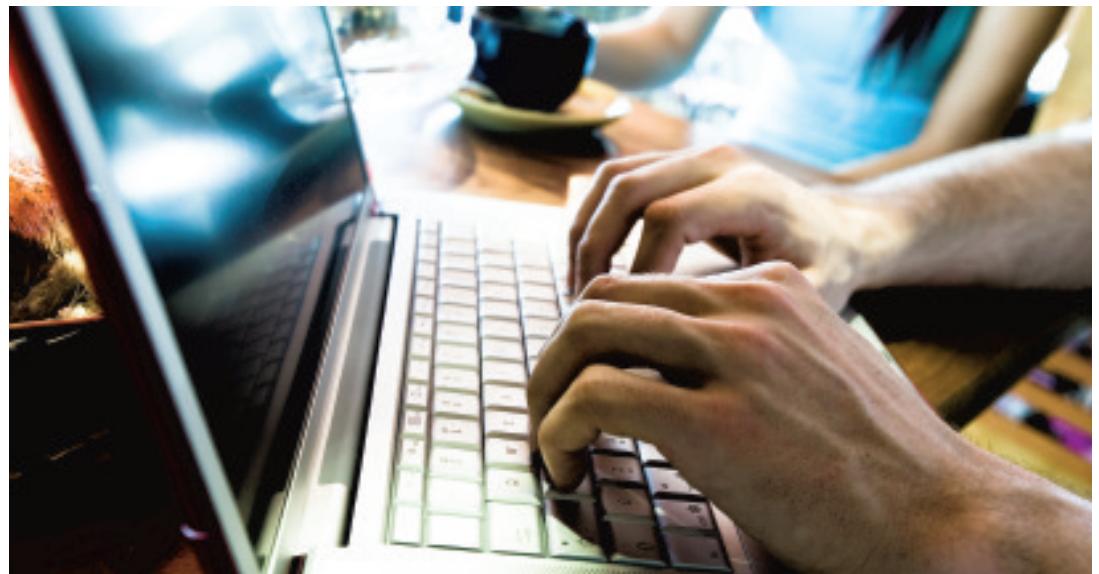
There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

- Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.
- Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.
- Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.
- Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.
- Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.



Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

- Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.
- Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.
- Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.
- Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

A covering letter can be just as important as a CV in getting you an interview. It's your first point of contact with your potential employer - so make it count.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

General Vacancies

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A CRB enhanced disclosure will be required for this post.

For an application pack or further information please contact Human Resources, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU alternatively email: recruitment@stedsbc.gov.uk or phone our 24 hour job line on (01284) 757019, quoting the relevant post number. Closing date: 25 January 2010.

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Please email for a job description and application form OR forward your CV and covering letter to: Human Resources, Realworld Systems Ltd, St Andrews House, St Andrews Road, Cambridge, CB4 1DL or email: HRUK@realworld-systems.com. www.realworld-systems.com. Applications must be received by 22nd January 2010.

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Salary is negotiable, plus benefits.

Please send your CV and covering letter to:

HR Department, JM Finn & Co, 4 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5TA
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HR Administrator 25 hours per week

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The successful applicant will be expected to undertake a range of HR related administrative tasks, which will be of a confidential nature. Relevant HR, or similar, administration experience is an essential requirement, as is an understanding of HR policies and practices. We will also be looking for excellent organisation skills, a strong attention to detail and proven IT skills in MS Word and Excel. Previous experience of using an HR information system would be advantageous.

In return we can offer a very competitive salary, five weeks'

annual leave, contributory pension scheme, health cash plan and free on site parking. We are looking for someone who is prepared to work five days per week, but the hours of work will be negotiable.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please request an application pack from:

**Helen Unwin,
Group HR Officer,
on 01223 226094**

or via e-mail at helen.unwin@yit.co.uk.

Closing date for completed applications will be Friday 22nd January, with interviews taking place week commencing 1st February.

It is the company policy to welcome applications from any individuals regardless of ethnic origin, gender, disability, religious belief, sexual orientation or age. All applications will be considered on merit.

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General Vacancies

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RACING WELFARE

Help for racing's people in need

Racing Welfare provides help and support for all people who work or have worked in the racing industry. The Charity is currently undergoing some exciting changes in the way it delivers its services. Three new posts have been identified to add to the existing staff team to deliver these changes.

VOLUNTEERS' COORDINATOR

Salary: Band 4 from £23,632 - £31,098

Full Time, Home Based Work

Volunteers are vitally important to the work of the Charity. A new post of Volunteers' Coordinator has been created to play a major role in the development of the volunteers' scheme. Working amongst people involved in racing and Thoroughbred breeding at all levels, the task is to establish and maintain an appropriately trained and balanced body of volunteers across the country to support the aims and objectives of the Charity. The successful applicant will be self motivated, have strong organisational and interpersonal skills, be a good communicator and a competent administrator. This post will require extensive travel throughout the UK, therefore the successful candidate will own a vehicle and be prepared to use it on the Charity's business. Appropriate expenses will be paid.

This post is subject to an enhanced CRB Check

Closing date: Wednesday 17th February

PART TIME (3 DAYS PER WEEK)

WELFARE OFFICER

Newmarket and East Anglia

Salary: Band 4, from £23,632 - £31,098 (Full Time Equivalent)

Our team of dedicated Welfare Officers, working throughout the country, provide a comprehensive, professional occupational welfare service caring for those working in, or retired from the Thoroughbred horseracing and breeding industry who are in need.

We seek an additional part time (3 days per week) Welfare Officer to work alongside the existing Welfare Officers in the Newmarket Office. The post holder will be required to provide advice and information, emotional and practical support, arrange financial assistance, and act as an advocate where necessary. The successful applicant will ideally have experience in either occupational welfare work or the racing industry and will be able to demonstrate: the ability to make thorough assessments through interview; an understanding of confidentiality and risk assessment; good written and oral communication skills and a willingness to undertake appropriate training.

The particular days to be worked are negotiable but will include Fridays. The successful candidate will also own a vehicle and be prepared to use it on the Charity's business, for which a mileage allowance will be paid.

This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.

Closing date: Wednesday 10th February

FUNDRAISING & COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

3 Days/21 hours per Week

Newmarket

Salary: Band 2 £14,761 - £19,424 (Full Time Equivalent)

An administrator is required for the small but busy fundraising and communications department of the Charity. The post holder will be responsible for inputting and checking the accuracy of information onto the Charity's database, administering the recording and acknowledgement of incoming donations and assisting with the administration and organisation of fundraising events and appeals. The successful candidate will have excellent written, oral and interpersonal skills, a keen attention to detail and a high standard of computer literacy, mainly with Microsoft Office. Working hours to be agreed between the successful applicant and the Fundraising & Communications Executives.

Closing Date: Wednesday 3rd February

Racing Welfare offers 25 days per year annual leave, plus Bank Holidays and additional days for long service (pro rata for part time staff), a stakeholder pension scheme and a commitment to training and development.

If any of these opportunities sound interesting please visit:

www.racingwelfare.co.uk/vacancies.php

where you will find a full job description and person specification for each of the vacancies. To apply please download and complete the application form, which can be found on the same page. Or alternatively call the Newmarket office on 01638 560763 for an application pack to be mailed to you.

General Vacancies

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Marshall Fleet Solutions require Service Controllers to work in our Customer Service Centre based in Cambridge.

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- Flexibility is required as the 24hr centre requires employees to work various shift patterns including weekends.

If you have the drive and energy to join our great team, please forward your CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and stating your current salary, by post to the HR Department, Marshall FS, The Airport, Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8RX or by email to jobs@marshallsv.com

Closing Date: 22nd January 2010



Part-Time Receptionist

Saffron Walden

Hourly rate £6.21 per hour, 15 hours per week

We are looking for a part-time receptionist for our Saffron Walden Office. Hours of work are initially 9am – 5pm, Thursday and Friday, but you will occasionally be required to work additional hours to assist with holiday / absence cover when needed (around 5 weeks per year). Computer literacy, a good standard of written English and an excellent telephone manner and customer service skills are essential as you will be the first point of contact at the Saffron Walden Weekly News office.

Duties will include welcoming visitors, answering the telephone, booking private advertisements, processing payments, sorting the company post and various other administration tasks.

Please call Louise Shephard, PA to the Deputy Managing Director for an application pack on 01223 434311 or email: louise.shephard@cambridge-news.co.uk

Closing date: Friday 29th January 2009.

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Health Care Science Support Worker (Two part-time posts)

■ £15,190 - £18,157 (pro rata) ■ Addenbrookes Hospital

■ 18.75 hours per week (late shift 15.15 - 19.00 hours)

The microbiology laboratory at Cambridge & Papworth is the Eastern Regional Laboratory for the Health Protection Agency, providing services to Addenbrookes, Papworth and Hinchingbrooke Hospitals, the surrounding district and other NHS Laboratories.

The laboratory has active research and epidemiological interests, is accredited with CPA having close links with local HEIs including Anglia Ruskin University and the University of Cambridge. The laboratory modernisation programme includes expansion of the diagnostic service in all areas of microbiology with increased implementation of automation.

We are looking for well motivated, enthusiastic people to work on a rotational basis throughout all the diagnostic areas of the microbiology laboratory including the bacteriology, virology, serology and molecular sections. You will assist with the preparation, process and reporting of routine diagnostic microbiological specimens. Accuracy and attention to detail is important. These posts are suitable for people with good GCSE/A level/NVQ3 qualifications, or equivalent in science and mathematics related subjects, and/or relevant scientific experience. Full technical training will be given.

Informal enquiries are encouraged by contacting Laura Ryall on 01223 257021 or emailing laura.ryall@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

Post Reference: 919-RMN-RG-6507420.

Healthcare Scientist Support Worker ■ £13,233 - £16,333 ■ Papworth Hospital

■ Permanent ■ 37.5 hours per week

We are looking for a well-motivated, enthusiastic individual to join our team.

We require a person to work in the support section of the laboratory. The support team is responsible for specimen reception, data entry, culture of bacteriological specimens, antimicrobial susceptibility testing and waste management. You will be expected to rotate to cover duties within the laboratory and to participate in weekend work as required.

Accuracy and attention to detail is important. This position is suitable for a person with good GCSE/A-level qualifications or equivalent in science, mathematics and related subjects, and/or relevant experience. Experience in laboratory work is desirable, but full training will be given in the required techniques.

For further details please contact David Pearce at david.pearce@papworth.nhs.uk or call 01480 364321.

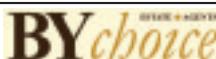
Post Reference: 919-RMN-RG-1334607.

Closing date for all roles: 27th January 2010.

To apply for any of these vacancies, please visit www.hpa.org.uk/careers

The Health Protection Agency is an equal opportunities employer.

General Vacancies



Due to the success of 2009 and our expansion plans for 2010, BYchoice Estate Agents are now looking to recruit further members of staff to work across all five branches.

*We require Negotiators, Senior Negotiators/Lister's and Sales Managers.

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In the first instance please forward your c.v with a covering letter to:

Gareth Ebdon
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All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

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Preferably trained to NVQ II/III or equivalent, although training is available - the right person is more important.

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Think you're good at making a great impression? We're looking for people to work in one of our branches, help customers and give them the great service they deserve.

Our training is comprehensive, so you don't need a background in finance or banking, or customer service experience. But you will need a minimum of 5 GCSEs or equivalent including English and Maths (at Grade C or above, or equivalent).

For these roles, you'll be expected to work 35 hours per week on a flexible basis.

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The successful applicant will provide administrative support for management of the Centre's finances. Working within a small team responsible for all aspects of administration, you will supply quotations, invoices and other documentation to customers, and monitor and progress payment. The work will involve interaction with the Centre's business and accounting data systems. Familiarity with standard word processing, e-mail and spreadsheet applications is essential, as are high levels of numeracy and communication skills; experience of accounting software would be an advantage.

The CCDC is an independent organisation that compiles the Cambridge Structural Database, and develops software applications in structural chemistry and molecular modelling. Our products are distributed worldwide to both academic and industrial users. We offer competitive salaries, final salary pension scheme and health insurance benefit, and good career prospects within a lively environment of 50 staff.

Applications should include full educational details, employment history, and the names of two referees. They should be addressed to Miss Josie Ferrante, Personnel Officer, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, to arrive no later than Monday 1 February 2010. Interviews are expected to take place week commencing 15 February.

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Customer Sales Agents

£14,000 - £16,000pa + excellent benefits

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If you wish to be considered for this exciting opportunity please email your CV to renewresource-management.co.uk, or for further information, call 0117 915 0380.



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If you are a qualified, registered nurse, with an interest in the field of infertility and experience in a women's health environment, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to extend your knowledge of assisted conception treatments and patient counselling, whilst working with our highly dedicated, multi-disciplinary team.

You will have excellent communication and organisational skills and if you also have ultrasound experience this would be an advantage, but not essential.

Healthcare Assistant - full time

This is a great opportunity to join our specialised team working within the field of infertility. You would be working alongside our medical and nursing staff helping to ensure our patients receive the highest standard of care within our unique clinic. You will need NVQ level 1 or above, good basic IT skills and be able to communicate with compassion and sensitivity.

Pharmacy Dispenser - part time

We are looking for a registered nurse to assist in all aspects of our on site pharmacy, particularly within the Fertility Clinic, three days a week, some weeks will include weekend work. You will need the ability to assimilate detailed information, with a methodical and accurate approach.

Bank Nurses and Technicians

If you can work flexible hours over a variety of shifts, including nights, evenings and weekends, and are a registered nurse or have a background or interest in nursing, science or research, we want to hear from you. As we offer training to enhance your skills, all we ask is that you have excellent communication skills and great attention to detail. We are particularly interested in registered nurses who can cover regular night shifts.

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Receptionist - job share

We are looking for an experienced receptionist with excellent interpersonal skills to join our friendly reception team who greet all visitors and patients and undertake a variety of administrative duties.

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www.bourn-hall-clinic.co.uk

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General Vacancies

REGISTERED NURSE

Part-time 15 hours per week

Huntsman currently has a permanent vacancy for a Registered Nurse, located in the Occupational Health department, reporting to the Occupational Health Specialist. This role is part-time, working 15 hours per week.

The purpose of the role will be predominantly to carry out health screening to support the Occupational Health Specialist in providing a comprehensive Occupational Health Service for all employees in Huntsman and Hexcel.

You will undertake health surveillance and assessments which include: health surveillance for all chemical handlers, security and restaurant staff; tests for specific hazards; and voluntary health assessments. You will be required to provide emergency and routine treatments specific to employees' needs and offer general health information, advice and support to all staff in a confidential environment. You will assist with pre-placement and post sickness absence assessments and deal with routine administration, which includes: booking appointments, filing, checking medical supplies and general upkeep of the department.

The successful person will be a Registered Nurse with demonstrable post registration clinical experience. You will possess exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, be able to make decisions, be self motivated, methodical and be of a caring nature. You will also be able to work to the strictest levels of confidentiality.

Experience in Occupational Health would be an advantage but not essential as training will be given.

In return we offer flexibility with working hours, an excellent benefits package, including a contributory final salary pension scheme, private healthcare, a guaranteed December payment and a non-contractual Incentive Compensation Scheme.

For general enquiries or to obtain an application form please contact Samantha Woozley in the HR Department on 01223 493196 or by post to Huntsman Advanced Materials (UK) Ltd, Duxford, Cambridge CB22 4XQ. Alternatively email samantha_woozy@huntsman.com

The closing date for applications is Friday 29th January 2010.

Previous applicants need not apply.

No agencies please.

HUNTSMAN



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Salary range £20,933 - £35,727 pro rata (pay award pending)

To teach Electronics to A level.

Closing date: Tuesday, 26th January 2010.

Interview date: w/c Monday, 1st February 2010.

Required from Autumn 2010

Chemistry – Course Team Leader

Management Range A. £35,619 - £38,120 per annum (pay award pending)

An experienced subject specialist is sought to lead this important area of the College's A level provision.

Closing date: Wednesday, 3rd February 2010.

Interview date: w/c Monday, 22nd February 2010.

Invigilators

We have a team of invigilators on whom we call periodically throughout the year to provide invigilation duty for examinations at the College. If you are available during the daytime and would like to know more, we are holding an information day here at the college on Wednesday 17th February.

For further details of any of the posts above and to apply, please see our website, email or telephone Personnel directly on 01223 507401.

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*Service Advisors in Cambridgeshire

Join us as a Service Advisor and be an integral member of our team. Friendly and professional, you will be the first point of contact for customers visiting our Centre. Your duties will include: Liaising with all service enquiries by telephone, email and face-to-face. Managing the handover of customer service vehicles, Liaising with the workshop team to ensure timely completion of customer vehicles.

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Please send your full CV, quoting the relevant job title to: Vindis Group HR, 1 Washingley Road, Huntingdon,

PE29 6WP. Alternatively please email your CV to: recruitment@vindisgroup.com

* Sales Executive & Service Advisor assessment day will be taking place on Thursday 28th January 2010

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» Football: Latest news from Hamlet Croft

Rovers keen on breaking new ground

THE winter freeze may have put a temporary halt to construction, but Haverhill Rovers chairman Steve Brown is confident the club's new ground will be ready by the spring.

Rovers will not move into their new home at Chalkstone Playing Fields until next season, but Brown is keen to have the new facility completed by the summer in time for the World Cup when football fever is set to grip the community once again.

"It's going to be great for the town," he said.

"We're looking to bring players through the youth team and reserves and into the first team. We've got a good percentage of Haverhill lads playing for us and we want that to continue."

"We're hoping to have it ready before the World Cup when interest in football will increase and hopefully a few people in the town will come along to the club on the back of that."

Work on the £2million ground, which will provide greater opportunities for community use, started in the autumn and although the completion date has been set for April 9, the recent cold snap has delayed the project for three weeks.

Brown said it is now unlikely the ground will be ready before May. "So far



Shaping up nicely: The new Haverhill Rovers' ground at Chalkstone Way is progressing well, despite the big freeze. Pictured at the new facility are, left to right, Mark Hart, director of Barnes Construction, project architect Mark Savin and Rovers' president Terry McGerty.

the work has been progressing well," he said.

"The snow has caused a bit of a delay, but we're not bothered about it being finished a little bit later because we won't actually need to use it until next season."

The new stadium will include a new floodlit pitch build to Ridgeons League standards with a main stand and covered standing areas, six dressing rooms, a physio room, office, committee room and bar area.

In the next few weeks

contractors will complete the internal work such as lighting, electrics, plumbing and furnishing, with the main stand also being finished in the final few weeks.

The project is the culmination of a community football project with funding from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, the Football Foundation and the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

Along with the rest of

League programme, Rovers' scheduled Premier Division fixture with bottom-of-the-table Harwich & Parkeston was postponed on Saturday as the big freeze gripped the Hamlet Croft pitch.

Manager Peter Betts will now be hoping that his team can return to league action on Saturday when they are due to travel to a Felixstowe & Walton side who are currently lying fifth.

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» Cricket

Home comforts as Horseheath learn fate in cup

HORSEHEATH have received a home draw in the first round of the Cricket Stick CCA Invitation Cup.

Their opponents will be Sawston II.

Meanwhile, in the Cricket Stick CCA Lower Junior Cup, Weston Colville II also have a home opening-round tie, with Sawston IV providing the opposition.

FULL DRAWS

Cricket Stick Invitation Cup, first

round: Horseheath v Sawston II.
Quarter-finals: Milton v Cambridge St Giles, Wilbrahams v Horseheath or Sawston II, Doddington v Histon, Linton Village v Longstanton Grasshoppers, Cricket Stick Junior Cup, first round: Bottisham & Lode v Cokenach, Godolphin v Isleham, Sawston III v Saffron Walden III, Witcham v Milton II, Littleport II v Elmdon, Little Shelford v Histon II.
Cricket Stick Lower Junior Cup,

first round: Barley II v Bottisham & Lode II, Cambridge Granta v Fen Ditton, Girtton II v Needingworth III, Witcham II v Abington III, Barrington II v Longstanton Grasshoppers II, Chatteris II v Cambourne II, Linton Village II v Saffron Walden IV, Waterbeach II v Willingham, Weston Colville II v Sawston IV, Cambridge News 20/20 Cup, preliminary round: Cambridge St Giles v Cokenach, Sawston II v Cambourne. First round: Sawston II or Cambourne v City of Ely, Chatteris v Balsham, Bluntisham II v Wilbrahams, Great Chishill v Cambridge NCI II, Histon v Eversden, Great Shelford v Thriplow, Longstanton Grasshoppers v St Ives II, Saffron Walden III v Somersham, Fulbourn v Audley End & Littlebury, Cambridge St Giles or Cokenach v Bar Hill, Over v Witcham, Cambridge Granta III v Cottenham, Barrington v Willingham, Littleport v Abington II, Girton v Milton, Dullingham v Cherry Hinton.

» Table tennis

Reardon battles to prevent whitewash

FOLLOWING the Christmas break and freezing weather, a few teams managed to get back to action in the Cambridge & District League.

But it was not a happy return for Haverhill, who crashed to a 9-1 home defeat at the hands of St Neots in Division One.

The solitary Haverhill success came when Tony Reardon defeated Hamish Young 11-5 in the fifth set. Saints' victory keeps them hot on the heels of

champions St George's, who continued to strive to retain their title with a comprehensive 9-1 success against Impington, whose only success came from Reno Phy, who beat Steve Trevanian.

RESULTS

Division One: St George's 9 Impington 1, Haverhill 1 St Neots 9.

Division Two: St George's III 4 Impington III 6, Impington II 7 NCI II 3.

Division Three: Impington IV 7 St Ives IV 3.

Division Four: Bassingbourn 3 Impington V 7.

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